

THE CURSE OF THE LAW

While there are five verses in our lesson text, there are only three Greek sentences (Gal.3:10, 11-12, 13-14).

There are two important doctrines of Soteriology in:

- (Gal.3:11-2) Justification
- (Gal.3:13-14) Redemption

We will begin by examining our lesson text by four OT quotation contained in it.

(Gal.3:10)	(Deut.27:26)	Under the curse of the Law
(Gal.3:11)	(Habakkuk.2:4)	Justified by faith not by the Law (Rom.1:17; Heb.10:38)
(Gal.3:12)	(Lev.18:5)	Law is not of faith but doing
(Gal.3:13-14)	(Deut.21:22-23)	Redeemed from the curse of the Law to blessing of the Promise

This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Curse of Law

(Rom.4:25) "He was delivered over because **of our transgressions**, and was raised because **of our justification**."

1. There are five important notes to make from our lesson text at the beginning of our lesson.

- Note that the word Law (nomos) is used in each verse except one ((Gal.3:14).
- Note also that Paul associated a negative effect with the Law in each verse except one (Gal.3:14).
- Note the factors of the curse of the Law mentioned in (Gal.3:10) and (Gal.3:13) written in Deuteronomy:
_____ and _____.
- Note the three divine solutions to the curse of the Law given in our lesson text (Gal.3:11, 13, 14)
_____ and _____ and _____.
- Note the how faith (pistis) is used in (Gal.3:11, 12, 14).
_____ and _____ and _____.

2. Paul declared that Jesus became a curse for us when He hung on the cross to redeem us from the curse of Law.

(Gal.3:13) "Christ redeemed (exagorazo/ a.a.ind.3ps) (Main Verb) (Redeemed us out of the slave market of sin) (Adam's Original Sin) (AOS) **us from** (ek+abl.of separation) the **curse (katara)** of the Law, **having become** (ginomai/ a.p.ptc. nsm) [The action of aorist tense occurs at the same time as the main verb) **a curse for** (huper+abl. of substitution) **us** – for it is written, 'cursed (epikataratos) is everyone who hangs (pas ho krenannumi/ p.m.ptc.nsm) on a tree.'" (Deut.21:22-23; Gal.4:5)

Hosea redeemed his wife from the salve market of prostitution for 30 pieces of silver (Hos.3:1-2)

(Gal.5:1) "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and **do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery**." (2 Tim.1:10)

How did everyone fall under the curse of the Law? _____ (1 Cor.15:22)

3. The curse of the Law existed before Abraham and before Moses. It goes back to Adam.

Before the fall, **Adam and Eve** had perfect conditions of body, soul, and spirit and lived in a perfect environment by the standard of the divine design (Gen.2).

While living in the Garden, God gave them the **Edenic Law (Gen.2:16-17)**. It consisted of a positive decree (eating you shall eat - all trees, except ONE) and a negative decree (dying you shall die - the ONE tree) both decrees were established by absolute infinitives with finite verbs.

They ate by grace and died by sin. (transgression) (Rom.4:15-16). By this sin, they lost the perfect conditions of life and environment for themselves **and mankind** (Gen.3:20-24; Rom.5:12-21; 8:18-23).

An important doctrinal point that we learn from Adam and Eve's transgression is that the Law was intended to be kept by believing and by doing (Gal.3:11-12). Don't eat (faith) became don't touch (flesh).

4. One of the thirteen judicial charges of Adam's original sin (AOS) is the Curse of Law (Gal.3:13-14).

Since every member of the human race is born under AOS, every member is under the curse of Law of sin and death (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22).

(Rom.8:2-3) "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh." (Rom.7:6; 10:4)

The standard of the Law condemns (Gal.3:10, 24; 5:3; James 2:10; 2 Cor.3:6, 17; Gal.3:14).

(Rom.3:9-10) "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are under sin; as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one." (Ps.14:1-3)

Christ took our curse of AOS to give us the promised blessing of indwelling Holy Spirit through Abraham seed (Gal.3:16) and (John 7:37-39; 16:7; 1 Cor.6:19-20).

(Gal.3:14) "In order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come (ginomai/ a.p.subj) to the Gentiles, so that (hina+subj) we **might receive** (lambano/ a.a.subj) the promise of Spirit through (dai+abl.of means) faith." (Gen.12:1-3)