

Set Free from Law's Curse

Galatians 3:13-14

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Introduction

- The 2010 Chilean Miners rescue
- The joy of being set free
- Many today are in spiritual bondage
 - In bondage to sin
 - Sinners by birth—Romans 5:12
 - Sinners by choice—Romans 3:9-12, 23
- How can one experience freedom from bondage to sin?
 - False teachers in Galatia—through keeping the Law
 - Problem: Law was never meant to set a person free.—Galatians 3:10
 - Law as a reflection of God's holiness. Romans 7:12
 - Law has to be perfectly kept.—James 2:10
 - Failure to perfectly keep law puts us under the "curse of God"

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A. WHO: Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law.—Galatians 3:13

1. Difference between "justification" and "redemption"
 - a. Justification – to be "*declared right in God's sight*"—legally free
 - b. Redemption – "*bought and set free*"—actual freedom
2. Jesus Christ pays the price for our redemption and sets us free.

B. HOW: Jesus Christ becomes accursed for us!—Galatians 3:13

1. Jesus Christ was sinless, fulfilling perfectly the Law. 1 Peter 2:22
2. How did Jesus Christ become a "curse for us"?
 - a. In a small way, by the means of his death by crucifixion
 - 1) Deuteronomy 21:23
 - 2) Jewish normal, careful treatment of a dead body
 - 3) Criminal hung on a pole as a visible representation of rejection by God
 - b. In larger part, by the meaning of His death—substitutionary "for us"
 - 1) Jesus Christ willfully took our place and died in our stead.
 - 2) Jesus Christ became "sin" for us—2 Corinthians 5:21
 - 3) Our guilt and punishment was placed on Him—Isaiah 53:5-6; 1 Peter 2:24
 - 4) Jesus PAID IN FULL for our redemption—1 Pet. 1:18-19; Eph. 1:7
 - 5) The cross as a "stumbling block" to Jews
3. Our Response: Praise and worship. Revelation 5:9, 11

B. WHY: The Benefits of Jesus becoming a curse for us—Galatians 3:14

1. Gentiles can now enter into the blessings of Abraham
 - a. Jesus Christ removes the barrier, the Law, that separates Jews and Gentiles—Eph. 2:12-16
 - b. We therefore are part of the household of God, and the blessings of Abraham flow to us.
2. We receive the promised Holy Spirit by faith—Galatians 3:14
 - a. The indwelling Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our future redemption. Eph. 1:13-14
 - b. Redemptions present effect on us—1 Corinthians 6:19-20