

I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Untangled

Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

B. The trouble in Galatia

Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV) Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Genesis 3:5 (NIV) “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

C. If you DO this you’ll be like God

- How do I become Godly?

D. The entrance of sin and death

- Sin brought:
 - Death = Separation
 - Poverty, sickness, death, guilt and shame

II. ABRAHAM AND MOSES

A. God looks for a man and makes a covenant with Abraham

Galatians 3:6 (NLT) In the same way, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.”

B. Faith in Christ brings Abraham’s blessing

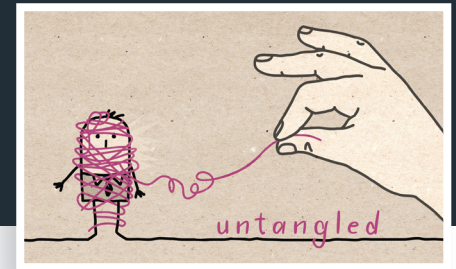
Galatians 3:9 (NLT) So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Galatians 3:10 (NLT) But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under His curse, for the Scriptures say, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God’s Book of the Law.”

C. God gives Moses the law

- The Law of Moses:
 - The moral law
 - Shadow Christology
 - The social law

D. The blessing and the curse of the law



Deuteronomy 28:1-4 (NLT) “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed.

Deuteronomy 28:13 (NLT) If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom.

- I’m not that bad!

James 2:10 (NLT) For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws.

E. Because we’re all guilty law breakers, here’s our reward

Deuteronomy 28:15-18 (NLT) “But if you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you: Your towns and your fields will be cursed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be cursed. Your children and your crops will be cursed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be cursed.

Deuteronomy 28:65-67 (NLT) There among those nations you will find no peace or place to rest. And the Lord will cause your heart to tremble, your eyesight to fail, and your soul to despair. Your life will constantly hang in the balance. You will live night and day in fear, unsure if you will survive. In the morning you will say, ‘If only it were night!’ And in the evening you will say, ‘If only it were morning!’ For you will be terrified by the awful horrors you see around you.

- F. The curse of the law falls into three categories:
- Poverty, sickness and death

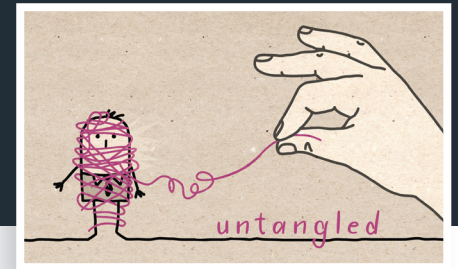
Galatians 3:19a (NLT) Why, then, was the law given?

Romans 5:12-14 (NLT) When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.

Romans 5:19 (NLT) Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:20-21 (NLT) God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God’s wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

III. REDEEMED



A. Jesus took the curse, but He left the blessing

Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV) Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

B. Abraham was blessed BEFORE the law, because of faith

Galatians 3:14 (NLT) Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

- Jewish understanding - keep the law and be blessed, break the law and be cursed

Galatians 3:29 (NLT) And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.