

## Galatians 3:10-13

**10.** For as many as are of the **WORKS** of the **LAW** are **UNDER the CURSE**; for it is written, "**CURSED is everyone who does NOT continue** in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

- **Deuteronomy 27:26** "\_\_\_\_\_ is the one who does \_\_\_\_\_ confirm \_\_\_\_\_ the words of this \_\_\_\_\_. And the people shall say, 'Amen!'"
- **Deuteronomy 28:15-20** "But it shall come to pass, if you do not \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His \_\_\_\_\_ and His statutes which I command you today, that all these \_\_\_\_\_ will come upon you and overtake you: \_\_\_\_\_ shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country (your living situation). \_\_\_\_\_ shall be your basket and your kneading bowl (your food supply). \_\_\_\_\_ shall be the fruit of your body (your children) and the \_\_\_\_\_ of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks (your job - providing for your needs). \_\_\_\_\_ shall you be when you come in, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall you be when you go out. The Lord will send on you \_\_\_\_\_, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ in which you have forsaken Me."
- **Deuteronomy 29:26-27** "For they went and served \_\_\_\_\_ gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that He had \_\_\_\_\_ given to them. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord was aroused against this land, to bring on it every \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "As many as are of the WORKS of the LAW are UNDER the CURSE"**  
 - The New Testament teaches that **we, as Christians, are under GRACE and NOT under the law**, but false teachers in Paul's day and certain groups and "cults" today would have us believe that we must still keep the Law of Moses, and especially the 4th commandment, which is keeping the Sabbath. These false teachers are not "rightly dividing the word of God" and they have not considered a few other issues that are involved. For instance, **if you are going to require adherence to the Ten Commandments, you MUST ALSO KEEP the approximately 600 additional commandments given to Israel under the Law of Moses.** You don't get to pick and choose which commandments you want to keep. God does not give us that option, and **failure to KEEP ALL the LAW was to bring upon yourself the CURSE** and the penalty of DEATH. Some people today want to pick out the weekly 7th day Sabbath, but what about all the other "sabbaths" and holy days, and the Passover, and going to the temple in Jerusalem for these holy days? The Israelites were required to keep ALL the holy days and sabbaths. **Under the New Covenant, God tells us they were ONLY a SHADOW of the REAL THING that was to come, which is JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF.** The temple in Jerusalem was a symbol or "shadow" and God allowed it to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. It was no longer needed, because **WE are now the temple of the living God.** Under the New Covenant, we no longer need a priest, because God says WE are His royal priesthood. We no longer have to observe the Passover, because Christ is our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7). Also, if you are going to put yourself back under the law, **you must accept the DEATH PENALTY and "CURSE" for not keeping the law. The law was an unbearable BONDAGE** that no one could keep, and the penalty for breaking the Sabbath was being stoned to death. We are in Christ, and **Christ has made us free from the curse of the law!**

- **Colossians 2:16-17** "Therefore let no one judge you in food or drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or \_\_\_\_\_, which are a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to come, but the \_\_\_\_\_ is of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **James 2:10** "For whoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and yet stumble (fail) in one point, he is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I Peter 2:9-10** "But \_\_\_\_\_ are a chosen generation, a royal \_\_\_\_\_, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of \_\_\_\_\_ into His marvelous \_\_\_\_\_ ....."
- **Romans 7:6** "But now we have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, having died to what we were \_\_\_\_\_ by, so that we should \_\_\_\_\_ in the newness of the \_\_\_\_\_ and not in the oldness of the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **II Corinthians 3:4-6** "And we have such \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant, not of the \_\_\_\_\_ but of the \_\_\_\_\_; for the \_\_\_\_\_ kills, but the \_\_\_\_\_ gives \_\_\_\_\_. But if the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_, written and engraved on \_\_\_\_\_, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of \_\_\_\_\_ because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, (See Exodus 34:1-9, 27-35) how will the ministry (working) of the \_\_\_\_\_ not be more glorious?"

**Definition: "OLDNESS OF THE LETTER"** - The Old Covenant, the Old Testament, the "**letter**" referring to the **WRITTEN LAW** given to Moses on TABLETS OF STONE. The penalty for breaking God's law was DEATH.

- **Exodus 31:18** "And when He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two \_\_\_\_\_ of the testimony (law, commandments), tablets of \_\_\_\_\_, written by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Exodus 32:15-16** "Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets which were \_\_\_\_\_ on both sides; they were written on one side and the other. And the tablets were \_\_\_\_\_ work, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ writing engraved on the tablets."

**11. But that NO ONE is JUSTIFIED by the LAW in the SIGHT of GOD is evident, for 'The JUST shall LIVE by FAITH.'**"

- **Habakkuk 2:4** "Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Romans 1:17** "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; as it is written, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.'"
- **Hebrews 10:38** "Now the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

**Definition: "That NO ONE is JUSTIFIED by the LAW in the SIGHT of GOD is evident"** - To be justified in the sight of God means that God by His GRACE declares RIGHTEOUS the sinner (you and me) who believes on Jesus Christ. It is **NOT a process of becoming** righteous, it is a **ONE-TIME ACT of GRACE** - we, as sinful people, are MADE RIGHTEOUS the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior! God FORGIVES and FORGETS our SINS, and **JUSTIFICATION means God even FORGETS that we were ever sinners!** There is NO MORE RECORD of our sins. This kind of "justification" before God is **by FAITH alone, plus nothing else. Your works**

**will not ADD anything to what Jesus did for you on the cross.** If you have placed your FAITH in Jesus Christ to save you, BELIEVING that He PAID for your sins on the cross, you are justified, and **you are "the just" one who is now supposed to LIVE by FAITH.** You do NOT have to work to KEEP yourself saved, because you are already completely saved, and you will never lose it or become unsaved. You cannot earn your salvation by works, and you don't have to work to keep it. The **"working out"** or outward manifestation of the salvation that is already inside you (Phil. 2:12-13), is **growing to Christ-likeness** and having His image formed in you, as you LIVE your life by FAITH.

- **Romans 5:1-2** "Therefore, having been \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with God through our Lord \_\_\_\_\_, through whom also we have access by \_\_\_\_\_ into this \_\_\_\_\_ in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."
- **Galatians 2:16** "Knowing that a man is not \_\_\_\_\_ by the works of the law but by \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ, even we have \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus, that we might be \_\_\_\_\_ by faith in \_\_\_\_\_ and not by the works of the \_\_\_\_\_; for by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law (keeping the Old Testament commandments) no flesh shall be \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Romans 4:5** "But to him who does not WORK (doing good deeds in order to try to earn salvation) but \_\_\_\_\_ on Him who \_\_\_\_\_ the ungodly, his \_\_\_\_\_ is accounted for \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Romans 3:24 & 28** "Being \_\_\_\_\_ freely (as a gift) by His \_\_\_\_\_ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Verse 28)  
"Therefore we conclude that a man is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ apart from the deeds of the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Titus 3:7** "That having been \_\_\_\_\_ by His \_\_\_\_\_ we should become heirs according to the hope of \_\_\_\_\_."

**12. Yet the LAW is NOT of FAITH, but 'The man who does them shall live by them.'**"

- **Leviticus 18:4-5** "You shall \_\_\_\_\_ My judgments (laws) and \_\_\_\_\_ My ordinances (commandments), to walk in them: I am the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_. You shall therefore \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ and My \_\_\_\_\_, which if a man does, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ by them: I am the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Romans 10:4-5** "For \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who \_\_\_\_\_. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the \_\_\_\_\_, 'The man who \_\_\_\_\_ those things shall \_\_\_\_\_ by them.'"

**Definition: "The LAW is NOT of FAITH"** - God gave the law, through Moses His servant, to the nation and people of Israel (the Jews) for a specific reason and for a specific period of time (see more of that in the next chapters of Galatians). Moses had brought the Israelites out of Egypt, and there were several million people, **NONE** of whom were spiritually mature or "born again" and having the Holy Spirit, as we Christian believers are today. **In order to keep these people in line and maintain a stable society among them, God gave them over 600 laws to keep**, including what we call the Ten Commandments. There was really no "faith" involved in their keeping God's laws, it was just something they had to do. Let me give you an example: when I'm driving around Los Angeles, **does it take faith** for me to stop at every stop sign and red light? No, **it's just something I know I have to do - a LAW.** If I choose to break that law and disobey it, I find myself "under the curse" of getting a ticket and paying a fine, or going to jail, or maybe both. **FEAR of the CONSEQUENCES of breaking the law is my motivation, NOT FAITH.** It was the same for God's laws with the Israelites, and the consequences of disobeying God's law

was called "the curse" and it is spelled out in detail in Deuteronomy chapter 28. **Living by FAITH** is completely different: **I love God** and want to do the things that are pleasing to Him. **By faith**, I believe and trust Him to work out all the details of situations that I cannot handle on my own. **By faith**, I trust Him for His blessings here on earth and rewards in heaven for my obedience and faithfulness to Him. **By faith**, I trust Him to lead me and guide me when a situation seems impossible. God loves to see that kind of faith coming from His people. Abraham had that kind of faith as he left his home and went out into a far country that he had never seen, and just trusted God.

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** " \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and do not lean (rely, trust) on your \_\_\_\_\_ understanding; in \_\_\_\_\_ your ways acknowledge \_\_\_\_\_, and He shall direct your paths."
- **Romans 4:20-21** "He (Abraham) did not \_\_\_\_\_ at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in \_\_\_\_\_, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and being \_\_\_\_\_ that what He (God) had promised He was also able to perform."

**Definition: "He shall LIVE by them"** - The promise of "life" in Leviticus 18:5 is NOT referring to ETERNAL LIFE in heaven, but to the QUALITY of life here on earth. Keeping God's commandments can NEVER EARN us eternal life, but **we would ALL live BETTER LIVES** here in this lifetime if EVERYONE OBEYED even **just the Ten Commandments**. As Christians, under the New Covenant, we are under the "law" of love, which fulfills all the Old Testament commandments.

- **Romans 13:8-10** "Owe no one anything except to \_\_\_\_\_ one another, for he who \_\_\_\_\_ another has \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit \_\_\_\_\_,' 'You shall not \_\_\_\_\_,' 'You shall not \_\_\_\_\_,' 'You shall not bear \_\_\_\_\_,' 'You shall not \_\_\_\_\_,' and if there is any other commandment, are all \_\_\_\_\_ in this saying, namely, 'You shall \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as \_\_\_\_\_.' Love does no \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_; therefore \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."

**13. 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'),

- **I Peter 1:18-19** "Knowing that you were not \_\_\_\_\_ with corruptible things, such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers (ancestors), but with the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, as of a \_\_\_\_\_ without blemish and without spot."

**Definition: "Christ has REDEEMED us FROM the CURSE of the LAW"** - The word here for redeemed was often used to refer to buying a person back out of slavery. On the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins, and **the resulting curse of eternal death in hell**, and bought us back from that slavery to sin. When it says, **"Having become a CURSE FOR us"** it means **He actually became SIN and a CURSE as He hung on the cross**.

- **Acts 20:28** "Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which He \_\_\_\_\_ with his own \_\_\_\_\_."
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He made Him who knew no \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ for us, that we might become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Him."