

Galatians 3:13 *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

1. Introduction

a. Created soul

- i. Fell under the curse of sin
- ii. Only needs compassionate redeemer to save it
- iii. Only hope is Jesus Christ the Lord

b. Declare the gospel of Jesus Christ the Lord

i. Command to preach the gospel

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

ii. Philip the deacon preached Christ in Samaria – Acts 8:5

iii. Philip preached to Ethiopian eunuch (from Isaiah 53:7-8) – Acts 8:35

iv. Saul preached that Christ is the Son of God immediately after conversion – Acts 9:20

v. Christian to preach Christ crucified in the power & wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 ²³ But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; ²⁴ But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

c. Three requisites (necessary things) to declare the compassionate Savior

2. Irrefutable Fall

a. Concept of sin

- i. Sin causes deficient humans (humans who don't have something)
- ii. People like to think that there is some good in every person
- iii. But God says that there are none righteous – no not one

Romans 3:10-11 ¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: ¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

- iv. Every person born with inner conscience of good & evil

Romans 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

- v. God is the standard of goodness, righteousness, & holiness

- a) God's Savior must be without sin

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

- b) God's Savior must be without sin or any hint of sin

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Peter 1:18-19 ¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

b. Conveyance of sin

- i. Sin & death passed to all people because one man (Adam) sinned

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

- ii. Every Christian born were by nature children of wrath

Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

- iii. Every human baby conceived & born as a sinner

Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

c. Condemnation of sin

- i. Every sinner earns a paycheck called death

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- ii. Every person sins, living a life of sin leading to death

James 1:14-15 ¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

3. Insufficient Funding

- a. Each person's life can be compared to bank account

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

- i. Big IF: If person could earn righteousness & lift curse of sin by themselves
 - a) Self-righteousness is trying to earn salvation
 - b) Sinners try to live a life of "good works"
 - c) Sinners try to live up to a moral code
 - d) Sinners hope they did more good things than bad things
- ii. God's Law would need to be kept personally
 - a) Every person individually responsible for themselves
 - b) Each person's sin belongs only to themselves

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

- iii. God's Law would need to be kept perfectly
 - a) God's Law requires perfect obedience
 - 1) Condition: person cannot break even the smallest part
 - 2) Anyone breaking even one part becomes lawbreaker
 - b) If person breaks one part of the law, they are guilty of all God's Law

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

- iv. God's Law would need to be kept perpetually
 - a) Unity in all the parts of God's Law
 - b) Person is cursed who cannot keep all parts of God's Law forever

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

- v. Summary according to Galatians 3:10
 - a) Personally is in the word “everyone”
 - b) Perfectly is in the word “not continues”
 - c) Perpetually is in the word “in all things”
- b. God concludes that no human works of righteousness are acceptable

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
- 4. Indebtedness Forgiven
 - a. Unrighteous sinners – Galatians 3:11-12
 - i. Impossible for person to live by God’s Law alone by themself

Galatians 3:12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
 - ii. Debt forgiveness based on faith

Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
 - b. Proper substitute – Galatians 3:13
 - i. Christ has redeemed Christian from the curse of God’s Law
 - ii. Christ was made a curse for Christian
 - iii. Jesus was cursed by hanging on a wooden cross
 - iv. Deuteronomy 21:22-23 speaks of curse for any man dying by hanging on a tree.
 - c. Payment submitted
 - i. Blessings of father Abraham on the Gentiles

Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

 - a) Genesis 22:1-19 Abraham & Isaac on Mount Moriah
 - b) But Abraham tells Isaac that God will provide himself a lamb – Genesis 22:8

- c) Abraham believed God was able to raise up Isaac from the dead

Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God and all His promises.

Hebrews 11:19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

- ii. John the Baptist witnesses of God's work

- a) Jesus is God's Lamb of God

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- b) Christ is the spotless lamb without any blemishes

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- c) Gospel is God's story of providing the lamb for the sacrifice

- iii. Work of Jesus of Nazareth paying to price for me

- a) Jesus gave Himself for humanity's sins

Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

- b) Jesus is the Good Shepherd giving His life for the sheep

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

- c) God made Jesus soul an offering for sin

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

- d) Jesus cried out in His pain to God while on the cross

Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (from Psalm 22)

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

d. Promise secured

i. God's Law teaches us – Galatians 3:21-26

- a) God's Law teaches that humans cannot keep the law & are cursed
- b) That that all humans are sinners
- c) That humans cannot earn righteousness

ii. But Jesus paid the price for sin

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

iii. Jesus secured the promise of eternal life for all who believe him

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

5. Conclusion

- a. Each person has an account of their life with God
- b. Each human account filled with sin coming up empty with Non-sufficient funds
- c. But God fully funds that account for each Christian
 - i. Forgiving the indebtedness from that account
 - ii. Filling the account with the righteousness of Jesus Christ