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Living With A Curse

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Abstract

Why is it that so many Christians have the same problems for years? They can never seem to advance in the life Jesus promised. John 16:33 Jesus said, *these things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.* Jesus said in Him we would have peace but in the world we will have tribulations. The world presents trials and tribulations to every believer, but Jesus promised that in Him we will have peace. This means no matter what the trial may be, we are to have peace through it. It is possible for a Christian to have trials and tribulations and yet have peace at the same time.

Why is it that some Christian *do not* advance in life? In Matthew 5:3-12 Jesus gave us nine reasons why we are blessed. However, I find that most Christians will not read the scriptures referencing the Beatitudes to see what Jesus said about how to be blessed according to His standards. Ministers who preach false doctrine have caused so many Christians to fail and not be prepared for the trials and tribulations they face. False doctrine can cause a Christian to live hyper and illusionary in their faith. Ephesians 4:14 says, *that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.* This scripture confirms that there are men who preach false doctrine, trick people, are cunning like a snake, crafty, deceitful and plot how to use people for their own gain and purpose.

Too many Christians are in financial difficulty and sin, and want a word for a blessing. These Christians look for a church according to Isaiah 30:10-11. *Who say to the seers, "Do not see", And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things;" speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from us.* There are people who call themselves Christians who look for a church and preacher that will not tell them the truth, who will give them what they want to hear. Too many Christians in churches are illusionary when they believe they do not have to live a holy and sanctified life and that Jesus will bless them even though they live in sin. The hype in many Christian's lives today is how to be blessed financially. Some Christians skip over sanctification to get monetary blessings. When a preacher only prepares a Christian for wealth, a materialistic lifestyle and not their rewards in heaven, they do not care about them. Worldly preachers preach

a material gospel. In Christ, where does this put some confessing Christians? Let's answer this question by reading Galatians 1:6-10. Accursed preachers preach an accursed gospel which means the people listening are living with a curse from false teachings. A curse devotes a person to destruction. Accursed means damnable. When we blaspheme against the truth, we are cursed. This is the reason why much evil and misfortune come upon some confessing Christians. They keep getting in trouble because they are ex-communicated from Christ. A Christian should always take the time to follow the path of 2 Corinthians 13:5, *Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified.* False doctrine will disqualify you and cause you to be accursed of Christ; many are oblivious to this reality. My goal is to protect the Christian, not destroy them; to protect saints is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in truth.

Galatians 3:10-14 states that the works of the law are a curse. There are too many teachings on how to be blessed with the past of the law. Practices of the law to receive a fulfilled lifestyle is related too often to Israel's past. When scripture is used from a commandment that God gave Israel in the Old Testament and it is applied as a guide to govern people, is that not using the law? I hear it all the time when a preacher will take a scripture from the law, use it to justify their purpose and will not follow through with the rest of the text of what it is actually being conveyed. This false teaching has caused many Christians to be confused in the body of Christ; they are being governed according to Israel's past. Comprehend what Galatians 3:10 says. "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." You are cursed when you are trying to live by something Jesus has done away with. Jesus is the only one that has taken the curse of the cross to bring salvation to all mankind. As

the scripture says, Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law having become a curse for us. Stop living under the curse, Jesus has done away with the law. You must ask the question, “Preacher, why are you still using the law as a guide to govern and as an illustration for people to use?”

Can a Christian today live with a curse?

2 Timothy 3:14-17 – It is very important for every Christian to understand the purpose of scriptures and what wisdom it brings to you to be complete and equipped for every good work.

Genesis 4:3-7 – Not giving according to how God receives is a curse. Look at all the things that came upon Cain for not giving according to how God receives. Cain wanted to give his way, he did not think giving to God was important. His heart was not right toward God.

Malachi 3:8-11 – A Christian lives under a curse when they do not tithe. Tithing is a principle for the House of God, the church. The principle blesses you and the church at the same time. The church is blessed as the storehouse, and the member is blessed by God rebuking the devourer that presents himself through trials and tribulations. Hebrews 7 confirms that Jesus is the High Priest that receives our tithes and is the covenant of our salvation.

Matthew 25:14-30 – Jesus is describing stewardship over financial resources He has given us for investing. Every Christian’s stewardship should position them to save and earn interest on their money so they will be able to give to the Kingdom of God. The steward that hid his money was always stuck with the same mentality and in the same state financially year-end and year-out when the Lord asked for His money. Tithes and offerings are His money. Why is it that this Christian did not grow in stewardship? Because some are unrighteous and lazy. Being sinful and rebellious to obedience is wickedness. A lazy person never achieves anything, nor accomplishes goals and objectives for Christ or their life. This type of person is cursed because

they are unprofitable as a servant and condemned to outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Read the curse according to Matthew 25:41 when you are on the opposite side of what God requires of His children in service to feed, give drink, provide shelter, clothing and to visit those who are sick or in prison (Matthew 25:35-36). This work takes money.

Growing financially is important to God for His Kingdom.

Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, were cursed with death for lying about their offering to God. Peter said, Ananias, Satan has filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit to keep back a part of the proceeds you got for selling the land you promised to give to God. When your church is raising money for a project or a cause and you agree to give an amount according to 2 Corinthians 8:12, when you fail to honor your commitment, you are not lying to men, but to God. Ananias and Sapphira were just like Cain in Genesis 4:3-7. He held back a portion of his offering to God because his heart was not right. Do not be cursed by lying to God.

1 Corinthians 16:22 – If anyone does not love the Lord, Jesus Christ, let them be accursed. What is it you would not do for a Savior that loves you and saved you from hell? To love Him is to support the work of the ministry. Please read Colossians 1:9-23 and see why we should love and do anything for a superior Savior.

2 Corinthians 9:5-8 – Do you know how to give without doing so grudgingly? Did you know that sowing sparingly is a curse? That means you are limiting yourself. People that give out of necessity are not giving from their heart unto the Lord. If you are not being blessed of God by your giving, then a curse is there. God is able to make all grace, sufficiency and abundance come your way when you give for the work of the ministry. That is a principle that removes a curse.

Galatians 1:6-10 – Most Christians do not realize they are under a curse because of false

doctrine. Receiving a different gospel other than the gospel of Christ attaches you to the accursed. What are you listening to that causes you not to grow spiritually? Why are you not a better husband, wife, parent, child, church member, employee, person or financially stable? Why haven't you grown? Have you read Romans 10:14-17 lately? A preacher that is sent will prepare your faith for the Kingdom of God. The reason so many Christians live with a curse is because preachers who are not sent preach false doctrine that does not prepare them for heaven. Read 1 Timothy 1:18-20 and 2 Timothy 2:14-19 and it will bring clarity of the revelation God gave me for Galatians 1:6-10. This is a great example of what God wants people to understand about being accursed by listening to another gospel. The scriptures say Christians were overthrown by listening to false doctrine from preachers like Hymenaeus and Philetus. Their message spread like cancer to overthrow believers. Notice the Lord said He knows who are His people.

James 3:10 – A Christian can not move forward because of the way they use their mouth. One moment we are using our mouth to bless God and then we use it to condemn ourselves by saying the wrong things about people. When we lie on someone, we are cursing ourselves. What a man sows, that he should also reap (Galatians 6:6-8). How are we using our mouth to bring things upon us? Word usage is very important.

2 Peter 2:14 – When a Christian has eyes for adultery, cannot cease from sin, entices unstable souls with a heart trained for covetous practices, they are accursed of God. Meaning, they are damnably condemned to eternal punishment.

We must understand as Christians that we are not to live with a curse. Live to grow in the knowledge of Christ so you will understand the will of God for your life. Not knowing the will of God positions you for failure, and deception by wolves in sheep clothing. Grow to know

the Holy Spirit. He is the helper and comforter that was sent for your life. Receive Him and allow Him to lead you and you will never have to worry about living with a curse.

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