

Breaking Out Of The 'Curse Of The Law'

What does the term **'the curse of the Law'** mean? What are the implications of the curse of the Law? More importantly, is the curse of the Law operating in our situations and circumstances - today.

Under the New Covenant, there is a foundational spiritual truth that needs to be understood. **And, it is that when grace does not operate [by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS], the Law will take its place – by default.**

The phrase **"the curse of the Law"** is proclaimed in Galatians 3:13, < ¹³ **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law** >.

Galatians 3:10 [NASB] declares: < ¹⁰ **For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them."** >

The fact that there is a curse of the Law is clearly stipulated in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. Simply put: this passage is declaring that if we break the Law, the curse will operate, unless there is repentance vis a vis the Guilt/Trespass Offering [see Lev 5] and the Sin Offering [see Lev 4] **which were the channels of atonement and appeasement under the Law.**

Deuteronomy 28:15 [NASB] reads: < ¹⁵ **"But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: ¹⁶ "Cursed *shall you be* [and a terrifying litany of curses is stipulated through to the end of the chapter] >**

Scripture testifies that although the animal sacrifices [foreshadowing the finished work of the Cross] were made, the heart and lifestyle of Israel turned away from YHWH [see for example: Isaiah 58].

And Scripture testifies that the curses stipulated by Law came into operation.

We see, for example, Daniel repenting on behalf of Israel when the curse of the Law resulted in the Babylonian Exile [see Dan 9:11, 1-14 and Deut 28:36-37]. In verse 11 Daniel declares the Oath of the Law under which the curse has operated: < ¹¹ **"Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him. >**

YESHUA came to fulfill the Guilt Offering by an Oath (of grace); **opened to us**, because YESHUA became sin on our behalf [see 2 Cor 5:21] and yet fulfilled the Law; and, was raised from the dead.

Isaiah 53:10-11, 5-6 foreshadows this Economy of Salvation, through grace, free from the Law of Sin and Death [see Rom 8:2], established by grace in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST [see John 1:16, KJV/NKJV/NASB] and opened functionally by the HOLY SPIRIT [this is why the Guilt and Sin Offerings were fired on the brazen altar signifying the work of the HOLY SPIRIT].

Isaiah 53:10-11, 5-6 declares: < ¹⁰ **But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. ¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it and* be satisfied; **by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many**, as He will bear their iniquities. ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. >**

Hebrews 7:28 [NASB] declares the reality of an Oath that supersedes the Oath of Judgment under the curse of the Law given to Moses. The Oath of the New Covenant, operates by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS [see Rom 8:2] - **by grace, that mitigates the curse of the Law**, through repentance [see 1 John 1:9-10], made in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth: < ²⁸ **For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever**. >

And, in the SON, the assurance of forgiveness stands by the Oath of GOD, made in Blood Covenant – in us [**progressively**] – by the HOLY SPIRIT, in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST!

Hebrews 10:14, 15-23 [NASB] declares: < ¹⁴ **For by one offering He has perfected for all time [what the Law could not even begin to do] those who are sanctified**.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ " *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, and on their mind I will write them,*" He then says, ¹⁷ " *And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*"

¹⁸ Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence [manifested – in substance and witness - by the SPIRIT in CHRIST JESUS] to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since we *have* a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful >.

From a New Covenant perspective, the curse of the Law stands over those who choose to live by the Law instead of choosing to live by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, whose fullness [see John 1:16, KJV/NASB/NKJV] – in substance and witness - is available to us, in the Eternal SPIRIT [see Heb 9:14-15], grace upon grace, to remedy all our short comings under Law.

The curse of the Law is activated when the Law is broken and we do not pursue redress or change by grace – through repentance - available to us under the finished work of the Cross [see 1 John 1:9, 7-10]. Grace operates by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS to ensure our freedom from the Law of Sin and Death [see Rom 8:2, 1-2, NKJV].

Grace is never and has never been a cop-out for sin. Grace is designed to destroy lawlessness. Freedom from the Law of Sin and Death [see Rom 8:2, 1-2, NKJV] – **by grace - is necessary to protect us from the Mystery of Lawlessness which will flow if GOD withdraws Himself from us under the curse of the Law [see 2 Thess 2:11-12, 7-12; Matt 7:21-23].**

When the Law of YHWH is broken the curse of **the Law of Sin and Death** [see Rom 8:2] Will operate – by default, unless we stand by faith in JESUS CHRIST, in the grace YHWH has predestined by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, to unfold us free from the Law of Sin and Death.

As Romans 6:23 declares, the wages of sin is death. Only the Blood of YESHUA mitigates this reality [see KJV: Romans 5:9 + Romans 3:24-26].

We are delivered from ‘the curse of the Law’ – the reality of sin and its innumerable consequences [hence, the reality called the Mystery of Lawlessness] that culminate in death – exclusively through JESUS CHRIST.

Galatians 3:13 [NASB] declares: < ¹³ **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, **having become a curse for us** >.**

The good news is that YESHUA MASHIAH has dealt with the issue of the Mystery of Lawlessness and its consequences of sin and death, in Himself, in a redemptive process of salvation that proposes the creation [see Eph 2:10; 2 Cor 5:17] of a new man in the image [see Rom 8:29] and fullness [see John 1:16-17, KJV/NASB/NKJV] of JESUS CHRIST – as the only remedy to the curse of the Law!

To accomplish this redemptive process of salvation, CHRIST became a curse on the basis of our sin being imputed to Him. And, He remedied the curse in Himself, through His Testimony. This is why the Testimony of JESUS is the Spirit of Prophecy!

2 Corinthians 5:21 explains: < ²¹ **For He** [the FATHER] **made Him** [YESHUA MASHIAH] **who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God** in Him. >

Romans 8:1-2 [NKJV] declares that YHWH has predestined freedom and liberty in CHRIST JESUS, as the HOLY SPIRIT progressively works the fullness of JESUS CHRIST – in whom is the remedy for lawlessness - into us: < ¹ **There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

² **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

³ **For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** >

What is the righteous requirement of the Law? Perfection!!!

Leviticus 19:1-2 declares the highest demand of the Law: < ¹ **And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,** ² **"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy.** >

In Matthew 5:48, YESHUA MASHIAH puts it like this: < ⁴⁸ **Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.** >

The practical reflection of the word perfect is perhaps best illustrated in Matthew 5:43-48, where YESHUA MASHIAH declares: < ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, '*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ **Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.** >

And YESHUA, in Matthew 5:17-18, declares that the demands of the Law are non-negotiable; they must be fulfilled: < ¹⁷ "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. >

Simply put, the demands of the Law must be met and, the demands of the Law are impossible for anyone who is the progeny of Adam in the fall.

So, how will the righteous [and impossible] requirement of the Law be actually fulfilled in us?

Colossians 2:26-28 [NASB] declares the exclusive basis of the fulfillment of the demands of the Law as the actual creative [see Eph 2:10] revelation [see Eph 1:17-19] and manifestation [John 1:16-17; Col 1:17] of the Mystery of CHRIST – in us: < ²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from the *past ages and generations*, but has now been manifested [see Gal 4:19] to His saints, ²⁷ to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete [NKJV: perfect] in Christ. >

We are all familiar with the blessings pronounced when the Law is observed in Deuteronomy 28:1-14. The KJV declares that the blessings will flow if we “**harken diligently**” to the words of the Law. The NASB/NKJV declares that the blessings will flow if we “**diligently obey**” the words of the Law.

The frightening “**curse of the Law**” is pronounced in Deuteronomy 28:15-68 on the basis of the Law not being ‘**observed carefully**’.

Deuteronomy 28:15 [NKJV] decrees the following by Law: < ¹⁵ "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: >.

A perusal of the Old Testament narrative outlines the partial fulfillment of all that is decreed – in judgment - by Law in Deuteronomy 28:15-68.

The New Testament declares that through a Law of Conscience even those not directly under the Law will be judged by the dictates of their own conscience (see Romans 2:14-15 and John 16:8-9) and the outcomes that will be measured by their deeds [see Matt 25:31-46; Rev 20:11-15].

The New Testament reveals our redemption from the Law through CHRIST being formed in us; and, in us each being brought into being and function in CHRIST JESUS - by the HOLY SPIRIT

[see Gal 4:19; Rom 8:10-15].

Galatians 4:4-7 [NKJV] explains our redemption from the Law, by YHWH making us heirs of GOD through CHRIST: < ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. >

John 1:16-18 [NASB] declares the form of our redemption from being under the Law in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST actualized in us: < ¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*. >

Galatians 2:16 [KJV] proclaims: < ¹⁶ Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. >

Romans 3:19-31 [KJV] explains: < ¹⁹ Now we know that what things so ever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh

be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²² Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

²⁷ Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. ²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. ²⁹ *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: ³⁰ Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. >

This establishment of the Law is entirely in and by and through the substance and witness of YESHUA being fashioned and formed into our inward parts – progressively, by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS!

As Christians we can live by the deeds of the Law or, we can put on CHRIST, by the HOLY SPIRIT and do all things in the Name of JESUS.

We must understand that what we do not do by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS will fall under the Law and be subject to the judgments of the Law, resulting in the curse of the Law coming into operation.

Living by Law and, living by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS are mutually exclusive realities.

To live by Law is of the flesh [see Rom 8:4-14], an “I-centered” attempt at righteousness that can have no sustainable future.

To live by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS is to actualize a new form of life – the life of YESHUA in His fullness - that is GOD’s gift of grace bestowed on us, in the BELOVED!

To live by the HOLY SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS is to actualize the righteousness of YHWH in our inward parts. On the other hand living in our righteousness by the works of the Law will always be filthy rags [see Isa 64:6].

As we navigate these times of the end of the age, we must by the HOLY SPIRIT ensure that we are not subject to the curse of the Law.

The judgments that flow in the book of Revelation are realities of the curse of the Law.

To walk by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS is to walk in a **progressive** realization of the fulfillment of the Law - as CHRIST is formed in us.

The progressive realization of the fulfillment of the Law, will by the HOLY SPIRIT, manifest a **Sanctuary** [see Isa 4:5-6, KJV+NASB].

In the SPIRIT of YHWH, there will be a growing Shabbat-Shalom that will govern and manifest our thoughts, our words, our deeds and our relationships, as well as our circumstances and situations; and, will determine our every response to the deep darkness that is already covering the peoples of this world [see Isa 60:1-3].

This is the Kingdom of the BELOVED SON [see Col 1:13] where we are justified by the Blood [Rom 5:9, NKJV] which by the Eternal SPIRIT, cleanses our conscience to serve the living GOD [see Heb 9:14].

As Romans 5:9c [NKJV] declares the Blood of YESHUA preserves us from the wrath of GOD!

[Aren't the judgments of Revelation an expression of the wrath of GOD brethren? It would be incredible foolishness to weather the storm in our righteousness.]

In walking by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, our nature and character will become increasingly CHRIST-like, as we increasingly manifest the fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control – proclaiming the evidence of CHRIST in us. Amen!

As Galatians 5:18 [NASB] proclaims: < **18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.** >

As Romans 8:15-16 [NASB] declares: < ¹² **So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh,**

you must die; but **if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** >

Shalom brethren!

Be blessed by the HOLY SPIRIT, to be a blessing to the nations in MASHIAH YESHUA's fullness!

In these end times, we will have the opportunity to manifest divine solutions in the face of the curse of the Law.

Maranatha!

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