

The Curse of the Law

Galatians 3:10-14

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In Galatians 3:10-14, Paul presents a series of four statements that clarify the doctrine of justification by faith, and supports each statement with a scriptural proof.

Paul shows us here that a Christian must hold to what he *believes* based on what the scripture *declares*, not based on his opinion of what he would LIKE to be true.

1. All who rely on works of the law are under a _____

Deuteronomy 27:26 – *‘Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’*

2. No one will be _____ before God by the law

Habakkuk 2:4 – *Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.*

3. The law is not of _____

Leviticus 18:5 – *You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.*

4. _____ redeemed us from the law by becoming a curse for us.

Deuteronomy 21:23 – ²² *‘And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.*

The end goal, according to Paul here, is that ‘we might receive the promised Spirit through faith’. The gift of salvation is a blessing received, not a reward to be earned.