

From curse to blessing



Claiming Your Inheritance (Day 5)
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The Bible shows us two great opposing kingdoms: the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness, the kingdom of Satan (Colossians 1:12-14). By His blood, Jesus paid the price to redeem us from the kingdom of darkness and qualified us to inherit the kingdom of the saints in light (1 Peter 1:17-19).

Now we will be looking at the nature and the scope of our redemption through Christ. In Galatians 3:13-14, Paul says:

> "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us for it is written, 'CURSED IS EVERY ONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE'- in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Paul is referring there to a scripture in Deuteronomy in the Law of Moses where God says that everyone who is put to death by hanging on a tree or a piece of wood - and that includes a piece of wood that makes a cross - in this way is under a curse. And the evidence that such a person is under the curse is they are hanging there visibly on that piece of wood. So in order to redeem us from the curse of the Law, Christ became a curse for us, and this was visibly demonstrated when He hung there on the cross. It was necessary for Christ to become a curse because the curse of God follows against all sin and disobedience against God.

The secret of what took place on the cross is that there was a divinely ordained exchange; something which could not be seen by the natural eye but could only be perceived through the revelation of God through the Holy Spirit and through the Scripture. The exchange was this: Christ became a curse. He took the curse due to our sin and disobedience that we in return might have access to the blessing that was due to His obedience. Let me say that very simply and briefly, it's important that you understand it. Christ became a curse. He took the curse due to our disobedience that we in turn through faith in Him, might receive the blessing of God, the blessing that Jesus had earned for us by His obedience.

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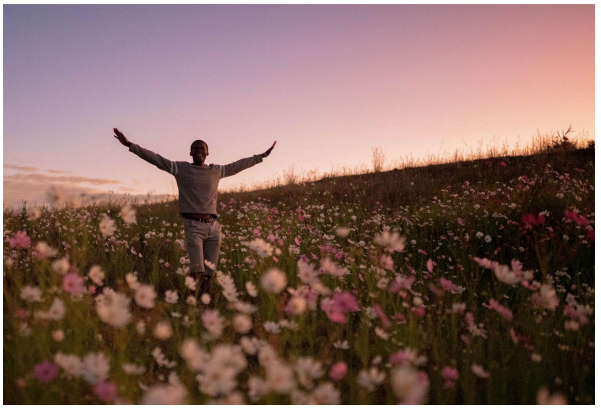

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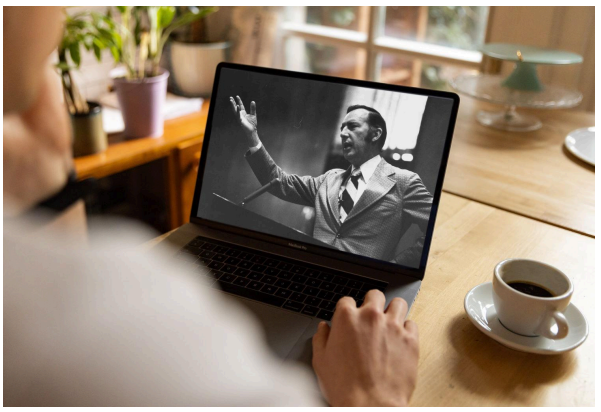

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