

**BREAKING OFF ALL CURSES:
BEING DELIVERED FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW
THE SUMMER OF FREEDOM SERIES**

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TEXT: Galatians 3:1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed *as* crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain — if indeed it was in vain? 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

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INTRO: Paul’s main theme is that we are saved by grace, and we are sanctified by grace through the working of the Holy Spirit. One of the most powerful fruits of God’s sanctifying work is breaking generational curses or sins from one’s life. The moment you are born again, you are forgiven, and God declares you to be righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21). But all of us know that sanctification is a process. We know that our dead spirit is now alive, but we still have the same body and the same soul, which is

your mind, emotions, and will. It is your soul and body that need to be sanctified. Some of the ways to expedite that process of sanctification include going through inner healing, deliverances, and breaking off generational curses. We do this on a macro level through our Encounter Weekends, and as your pastor, I highly recommend that you invest your time going through an Encounter Weekend. But I also know personally that I have gone through major transformation through inner healing, deliverance, and breaking off and renouncing certain curses.

Paul begins this part of his letter by appealing to one's personal experience with the grace of God. Then he teaches what the Bible promises about being free from every curse and coming into the full blessings of the covenant that God made with Abraham.

At the end of the service, I want to pray for you and break off every curse that is still plaguing you. But you need to receive the gift of faith as you listen to this message. Faith comes by hearing the *rhema* (word) of God (Romans 10:17).

I. PERSONAL ARGUMENT FOR SANCTIFICATION THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT: Galatians 3:1-5

A. Galatians 3:1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed *as* crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain — if indeed it was in vain? 5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

1. Paul begins by calling them fools. This word is different than the word that Jesus tells us not to call people: *moros*. We get the word *moron* from this word. This word is *anoetos*, which means unwise or spiritually dull.
2. Paul is asking the Galatians to recall their personal experience with Christ when they were saved. **“Did you receive the Spirit by working for it or by hearing by faith?”**
3. Do you think that this supernatural transformation that begun by God's Spirit is going to bring about your maturity by your own works?
4. The word suffer is *pascho* and means to personally experience. Paul is appealing to their personal experience in salvation.
5. God has provided the Holy Spirit for you and done miracles in your midst. Was that also done by your works or by hearing with faith?
6. **Galatians 3:5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit *and* works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?**

7. Acts 14:8 At Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet, lame from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. 9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, when he had fixed his gaze on him and had seen that he had faith to be made well, 10 said with a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he leaped up and *began* to walk.
8. Romans 10:17

II. SCRIPTURAL ARGUMENT FOR SALVATION: Galatians 3:6-14

A. SALVATION

1. Galatians 3:6 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. 8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.
2. I want this to hit home with you: If you are born again, you are blessed along with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). The key is your faith!
3. Abraham was saved by faith. Galatians 3:6 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
4. Gentiles are saved by faith (v. 7-12).
5. But look at all the times Paul emphasizes the word *faith* and *believe* in this passage: v. 6 Abraham believed God. v. 7 It is those who are of faith who are the sons of Abraham. v. 8 God would justify the Gentiles by faith. v. 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.
6. Galatians 3:10 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.” 11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.” 12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM.”
7. All I want to say at this point is that faith is a gift from God. It is a grace from Him.

B. God’s Blessing

1. Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless

you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

2. Genesis 13:2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.

III. SALVATION AND SANCTIFICATION COME THROUGH THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

- A. Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us — for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE” — 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

1. Every human is under the curse of sin. Jesus redeemed us from the curse, having become a curse for us.
2. From 49 years of walking with the Lord, I have learned that even though we are forgiven and declared righteous, there still needs to be deeper inner healing, deliverance, and breaking off curses by the Holy Spirit to come into a measure of sanctification.

B. SINS OF THE FATHERS AND RESULTING CURSES

1. Sins of the fathers represent the accumulations of all sins committed by our ancestors. The accumulations continue until God’s condition of repentance, especially identification repentance and forgiveness, are met.
2. A curse is the penalty to be paid for the breaking of a law. The consequences that will occur for breaking the law: Deuteronomy 28.
3. Exodus 34:6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”
4. Rejection and abandonment: I had a spirit of rejection all over me. Korea has been rejected and abused by its neighboring countries of Japan and China 400 times. My father left me when I was two years old to come to the U.S. I didn’t join him until I was few months short of being five. Then I was orphaned by my parents who both worked to survive as immigrants. My dad was a pastor on weekends and a dental technician Monday through Friday. I had to forgive my dad. Restoring The Foundations: I saw that I was celebrated at birth. God broke that spirit of rejection.
5. Sexual bondage: My great-grandfather was a womanizer. Under the Japanese occupation, they set up these geisha houses. Prostitution is as old as humanity.

But my great-grandfather used the little money that he earned from gold mining and went to the geisha house, to get drunk and have sex. I believe that this curse came into my life through my great-grandfather. I was also molested by a church member when I was five. By the time I was 15, I was in bondage to sex. Even though I was born again, I was struggling with lust big time. But by God's grace, I was led to read a book, *Deliver Us From Evil* by Don Basham. Following the instructions in this classic book, I did self-deliverance. I forgave the person who molested me. I received a significant breakthrough, but that was the beginning. I learned that a lifestyle of freedom came through the renewing of my mind. All my early years of memorizing Scripture—like Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:13,16, and many other verses—was to keep me pure and holy from sexual temptation.

6. **Drug Addiction:** My coal-mining great-grandfather was also an alcoholic, a womanizer and a drunk. Now, as kids we got drunk, but our choice of substance was drugs. It was easier to get drugs on the street than to acquire alcohol. When I had problems with drugs, my father would say, "You're just like your great-grandfather." Now with drug addiction. God delivered me on May 25, 1973 in one day! It was supernatural.
7. **Anger:** My family and maybe my nation of Korea has a national sin of anger. All the men I knew in my family had an anger problem. This manifested in my life when Gabe was born. I caught myself holding him by one leg to spank him in anger when he was only three. By God's grace, I caught myself ready to spank Gabe, when God gave me a revelation of this curse through this incident, and I put Gabe down and repented of this curse. I also forgave my father for his anger manifested towards me.
8. **Poverty:** I have shared that I had a spirit of poverty. I was raised by a single mom until we reunited in America. Both my parents had to work to survive economically. I ate everything on my plate because I feared that we wouldn't have enough in the future. Cindy Jacobs prayed to break that curse off me. But let me conclude by sharing it again and then praying over you to break every curse over your life based on the finished work of Jesus. I want to do this in the context of anyone who has not given his or her heart to Jesus. Let's do this now, and in praying the sinner's prayer, let's break off all curses.
9. **Other sins of the fathers (mothers, grandparents, etc.)** are control, manipulation, fears (all kinds), idolatry, greed, poverty, physical infirmities, pride, rebellion, insecurity, religious bondage, witchcraft, occult, masonry, satanism.

CONCLUSION: Five Steps to Breaking Off Curses

1. **Confess** the sins of your fathers and your sins.
2. **Forgive** your parents, grandparents, and forgive yourself.



3. **Repent** and take responsibility for your sins and your wrongful actions.
4. **Renounce** verbally any more involvement or putting up with the sins and curses.
5. **Appropriate** and apply the power of the cross and the shed blood of Jesus.

LET'S PRAY: As a child of God, purchased by the blood of Jesus my Lord, I confess and acknowledge the sins of my fathers. I choose to forgive them and release them for their sins that have affected me. I renounce those sins and release myself from their sins based on the finished work of Jesus. Lord, forgive me for entering into the same sins as my fathers. I repent and ask you to forgive me and deliver me from all evil. I receive your forgiveness and deliverance by faith. I affirm that I have been crucified with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life. On the basis of this, I rebuke and renounce Satan and all his demonic forces assigned to me, in Jesus' name! Jesus became a curse for me, so I break off these curses. I receive freedom from all these curses. In Jesus' mighty name, amen!