

Can a Christian Be Under a Curse?

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The question has often been asked: Can a Christian be under a curse? The answer is they absolutely can. Many false doctrines in the Church have misled us to believe that this is impossible once a person has received Christ as Savior. The Bible teaches the opposite.

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." The witnesses are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, those who have gone on before us; and also, holy angels and demon powers. In this passage, God tells us to lay aside the sin that so easily entangles us because of the witnesses. The sin that so easily entangles us is the sin we are the most prone to commit. PSA 103:20 says, "Bless the \Lord,\ you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!" Just as the angels watch over God's Word to perform it. The demons watch over Satan's word (opposite of God's Word) to perform it. When the angels see us walking according to the Word of God, they work with us. Contrarily, when the demons see us violating the Word of God, they work with us to oppress, harass, torment and build strongholds in our lives. The holy angels of God carry out the blessings in our lives and demon powers carry out the curses. Wherever we obey the Word of God, we are blessed, and wherever we disobey the Word of God, we are cursed.

In GAL 5:22-23, it says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is NO law. The Scripture says in GAL 5:18, "But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law." So if you and I are not being led by the Spirit of God as evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, we ARE under the law.

The Scripture says in 1TI 1:9-10, "Realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and sexually immoral men (and women) and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching." Any sin we commit is contrary to sound teaching. To better illustrate this would be to say that if I were to drive through your town and the speed limit was 65mph, but I would drive 66mph and above, then I would come under the laws governing your town. But if I drove through your town at 65mph, I would not come under the laws of your town. The same is with God's Word. You and I are not under the law until we disobey it.

Praise God it is true that 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\"-- 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. But just as those Scriptures found in Galatians 3:13-14 are true, so is the Scripture in Galatians 3:10 true, "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.." ROM

2:13 says, "For not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified."

Some other New Testament verses confirming that Christians can be under the curse are: 1CO 16:22 "If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed." Jesus said who those were who loved Him in JOH 14:15, where He said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." GAL 1:8-9 says, "But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed." 1CO 11:29-31 says, "For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged." REV 22:17-19 "I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book (Bible): if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book (Bible); and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book." Deuteronomy 28 says plagues and sickness are a curse. REV 22:3 tells us that the curses will end at the end of the age: "And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him."

The blessings and curses in the Old Testament are found in Deuteronomy 28. There, beginning in verse 16, it lists 52 curses that can come upon a person if they are disobedient to the voice of God and His commandments (verse 15). In the New Testament the blessings and curses are found in Matthew 5. Jesus lists the blessings in the beatitudes and only one curse described in Matthew 5:21-26 where we go into a spiritual prison when we are angry and refuse to forgive. In verse 17, Jesus said, "I did not come to abolish the law but I came to fulfill it." What He was saying is that we still have to keep the law but now we keep it another way -- through love. When we do not walk in love and are angry with our brother, we break God's law and will stay in prison until we repent and forgive. JAM 1:20 says, "For the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God."

For a great deliverance, read over the curses listed in Deuteronomy 27: 15-26 and Deuteronomy 28:15-68. See which ones have been applied to your life. The good news is found in Proverbs 26:2 "A curse without a cause cannot alight." Ask God to show you the cause of the curses working in your life due to your sin and/or the generational iniquities of your forefathers. Repent of your sin, take accountability for the generational iniquities of your forefathers and ask God to break the curses off your life. Then, in Jesus' name, command the demons carrying out these curses to leave you and enter into the victory won for you at Calvary. Praise God through the Cross He made a way for us to escape. Hallelujah!