



The Blessing/ The Curse Part 1

The universe we live in is organized by different systems. Natural habitats, businesses, governments, and even the human body has systems in place to effectively organize functions, ecosystems, operations, energy flows, and etc. Without effective systems, it would be impossible to understand the world around us; but worst, the universe would be chaotic.

Like our physical universe, God has created spiritual systems for His people to better understand Him and His ways through the systems of the Old Covenant of Law and New Covenant of Grace illustrated in His Word. Understanding these two systems, will empower your belief to harmonize with God's truth, so you can benefit from all He has accomplished through His Son's finished work. This will cause you to walk in the blessing.

Hebrews 7:12

A change of the priestly system requires a change of law,

Many believers in Christ, because they do not understand the New Covenant of Grace, they fail to realize that the system has been changed when Christ became a Man. Because of Christ, we, as believers in Christ, are not under the old system called the Old Covenant of Law.

Believers in Christ are under the **new system** called the New Covenant of Grace.

However, due to this ignorance, many believers in Christ have a belief system that does not harmonize with the New Covenant of Grace because they continue to relate to God through the Old Covenant of Law, As a result, they fail to walk in the **Blessing of Grace**.

Galatians 3:10

All who depend on obeying the law are under a curse. It is written, "May everyone who doesn't continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law be under God's curse,"

As a matter of fact, the New Testament is clear: Those who continue to relate to God through the old system of the Law (Yes, even believers in Christ) are walking under the **Curse of Law**.

- "Now, there are some of you who choose to be under the law—you deliberately choose to be judged by it; you have therefore elected to be under the law, and by so doing you have chosen the curse..." – **Charles Spurgeon**

Notice the curse comes upon those who relate to God through the old system of the Law, not those who sin. (This is where many get confused.) You see, under the old system of Law, in order for you to receive blessing, you had to obey the laws of Moses to the best of your ability. If you tried to keep the Law through your obedience and performance, the blessing came upon you, but if you failed to keep the Law (sinned), the curse came upon you. This is how the old system operated.

Yet, many believers still believe that if you sin, the curse of God will come upon you, but if you obey the Law, the blessings of God will come upon you. That's not true under the new system. Since there has been a change of system, getting blessed when you obey the Law of Moses and getting cursed when you sin is no longer the way under the New Covenant of Grace.

-How do I receive the blessing under the new system?

Galatians 3:13

Christ has 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),"

Firstly know that Christ has redeemed you from the Curse of the Law. You being a good person or Christian will not deflect the Curse. If that was the case, then God would have continued with the first system and have no need for Christ to become a curse for us. This verse is only for those who are trespassers of the Law and call out to God's mercy.

Secondly, this verse goes beyond forgiveness of sins because in order for you to receive forgiveness of sins only the shedding of Christ's blood was required. Christ could've chosen to die through other means, but He chose to hang on the cross. Why? To let you know that He became a curse for you and took it away from you. This means that every punishment laid out for not keeping the Law was laid upon Jesus, which includes all the disease, poverty, generational curse, bondages, and premature death.

Galatians 3:14

That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Christ became a Curse that the Blessing might overtake you! Notice this blessing described as the blessing of Abraham, comes upon Gentiles (Law breakers if you will).

To answer your question, the Blessing is a promise that must be received through faith. In context, the promise received by Abraham was righteousness. God inputted righteousness to Abraham as a gift when he believed Him; therefore, becoming an heir of the Blessing. As a result, Abraham lived a very blessed life, which included health, abundance, inheritance, freedom from bondages, protection, and longevity.

When you receive righteousness by faith in Christ, apart from the Law, the Blessing comes upon you!

Figure:

Old Covenant	New Covenant
-Do works of the Law - Blessed	-Do works of the Law - Cursed
-Trespass the Law - Cursed	-Receive righteousness by faith - Blessed

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