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I like to read; therefore, I am always reading something. I read several articles every day, mostly of a biblical nature but I also read many secular articles as well. Over the last several months I have read from some Christian magazines and articles about the topic of Generational Curses. I was amazed to discover that many people, Christians, still believe that they can suffer from a generational curse, even though the Bible says “anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, old things are passed away, all things have become new”

So where does this Generational Curses teaching come from? Well, the idea comes from what was expressed in the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:5: “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me” (see also Exodus 34:7; Numbers 14:18; and Deuteronomy 5:9). In other words, the sin is handed down and the guilt of it as well from the fathers to their children, their sin would pass from one generation to the next. This was a popular teaching in the time of Christ and apparently still is among Christians. This idea may shed a little light on the story of the blind man whom Jesus healed in John ch 9. Before He healed the man Jesus was asked “who sinned? him or his parents”?

The concept of generational curses has become popular among certain Christian groups teaching people that unless they say a special generational curse-breaking prayer or go through some type of deliverance or have their house purged & anointed by a specially anointed curse-breaking minister then they will continue to have an unusual amount of problems. We also now see some calling for ceremonies and asking forgiveness for the generational sins of a nation as was done under the Old Testament.

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I read an article just a few days ago in a very popular Christian magazine where certain ones were calling for the USA to repent of a whole list of things and then to fast for three days and after three days the curse would be broken from over the nation. This sounds very spiritual and to be sure is a lofty idea, but Saints listen, Jesus has already finished the work and the curse is broken in the life of the believer. The idea that we have to do all these things in order to get the curse broken goes to the heart of religious activity, religion is do, do, do but in Christ it's already done.

Once you are a believer you are a new creation and no longer can you be under a generational curse. This curse on those who break the second commandment unto the third and fourth generation was repeated in Exodus 34:7 and Numbers 14:18. But both Ezekiel (Ezekiel 18:1-4) and Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:29-30) prophesied an end to this curse. Jeremiah went on in the verses after his prophecy to speak of the New Covenant we now have in Christ (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Galatians said Jesus died to redeem us from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13). If the punishment has changed or been eliminated, then the Law has changed too.

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Commentary from Andrew Wommack's Living Commentary.

When the Lord made a new covenant with us through Jesus, then the other covenant became old and should be retired, likewise with the commandments. The Greek word "APHANISMOS," which was translated "to vanish away" in this verse, means "disappearance, i.e. (figuratively) abrogation" (Strong's Concordance). The word "abrogate" means "to abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority" (American Heritage Dictionary). The Old Testament Law should disappear and be abolished. What a radical truth!

There is still much benefit in studying the Old Testament, but that benefit lies primarily in seeing what we have been redeemed from. If anyone tries to still relate to the Lord based on the principles of the O.T. Law, they are wrong.

As Paul stated in Galatians 3:11-12, "The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith." Put that together with Romans 14:23, which says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin," and you will see that trying to serve God by the O.T. Law is sin. The Law itself isn't sin (Romans 7:7-10), but trying to use the Law for something it was never intended to do is sin.

The intent of the Law was to condemn us (2 Corinthians 3:9) and make us guilty before God (Romans 3:19). The Law could never reconcile us to God. It only showed us our need to be reconciled, and condemned us so that we would never fall into the deception that we could do anything on our own that would solve the problem. The Law shut us up unto the faith in Christ's atonement, which is the only thing that could save us (Galatians 3:23).

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In order to be put under a generational curse you have to go back under the law of Moses, back to the OT. Now those who teach that there is still a generational curse that believers in Christ have to be delivered from have to quote scriptures like the ones in Deut. where it says “bring no cursed thing into your house, lest you be like it” Deut. 7:26. The problem with the teaching that says things like this: if you have this or that object in your house it is causing all your problems, therefore you must do a list of things. The people who are always being “delivered” have no rest in their life. They are always having to go back and do something more.

Listen, the plain truth is... You are not under a curse anymore!!

Now let me inject this: I don't recommend having idol gods or things pertaining to pagan worship in your home. Why would you? But don't live your life in fear of the devil.

In the New Testament the only way for you to be cursed is to go back under the law. In fact, believing the Old Testament law about curses causes you to go back under the curse. See Gal 3:9 – So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (The Righteous Shall Live by Faith) and 10 – For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

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The moment you trust in or take the position that blessings or healing's or any of the benefits Jesus has freely provided come by the keeping of the law and by doing things (whatever those may be – reading so many Bible verses each day or praying for an hour a day and the list goes on) of course praying, reading your Bible are good to do but if you believe you will be favored because of your doing then at that moment you're under a curse. Believing the teaching of generational curses causes all the problems, not necessarily something laying around your house.

We are irreversibly blessed.....we cannot be cursed.

Remember the prophet Balaam? He said, "I cannot curse what God has blessed" and that was under the blood of bulls and goats. We are blessed under the blood of Christ! The only way to be cursed today is to believe another gospel, or to preach another gospel or go back to the law which is to fall from grace (Galatians 5:4).

The scripture in Gal 3:10 did not say as many as break the law come under the curse but it says as many as are of the works of the law....Jesus never pointed to a person who was sick and ask about the keeping of the law or if there was sin in their life and Jesus is the model for healing. (Look at the model in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. All who came to Him received.) And Isaiah 54 is as much about healing as it is forgiveness.

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Many teach that we are not under the law but the works of the law and reference Gal. 3:10. But as Paul pointed out a very important point, that those who preach works or performance fail to talk about Deut. 27:26 that says *"Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them"*. In other words those who who trust in the Law must keep every single word of the Law perfectly or else they come under the curse instead of the blessing. Remember in the Bible the Law is always in reference to the 10 commandments, you and I can never attain to the blessing of the Law through our own efforts. We must put our faith in the grace of God and receive the blessing as a gift.

Why today are so many Christian magazines and so many others so obsessed with convincing Christians that they are or could be or need to get delivered from a curse on them is beyond me? Have they never heard of Balaam or read Gal.3:13? We are not under the curse but are irreversibly blessed because of Jesus.



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### What About Those Sour Grapes

#### Jeremiah 31:30 (KJV)

<sup>30</sup> But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

#### Jeremiah 31:30 (NLT)

<sup>30</sup> All people will die for their own sins—those who eat the sour grapes will be the ones whose mouths will pucker.

Ezekiel 18:2-4 (NKJV)

2 “What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

3 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.

4 “Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.

See the part that says....‘the one who eats the sour grapes HIS teeth shall be set on edge’. When Jesus was on the cross the scripture tells us in

#### Matthew 27:34 (KJV)

<sup>34</sup> They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with \*gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink, because Jesus wanted to have His full senses and endure the complete extent of the pain and suffering He was going through for us. ...but the next time vinegar (\*\*sour wine Gr. “OXOS” the ordinary drink of laborers and common solders) was offered He drank it. Have you ever drank vinegar, it makes your teeth feel like they are on edge it’s not a great feeling.

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Why did Jesus drink it that time? and then what happened next? This time when it was offered it was not mixed with gall so there was no pain killer in it, but more importantly, Jesus received the vinegar for us because once He received He said, "It is finished." (In the Greek language \*\*"Tetelestai") and one of the things that was finished was generational curses.

The last thing Jesus did on the cross was to redeem us from a Generational Curse...

### **John 19:30 (KJV)**

<sup>30</sup> When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

In other words, Jesus set his own teeth on edge...He took the guilt, the blame, the condemnation on Himself and bore it for us so that we will never be blamed or guilty or cursed, no matter what the fathers have done. So now you should understand the scripture that says (Exodus 34:7 NKJV)

7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

**has been rescinded.** Christ has (past tense) redeemed us from the curse of the Law. *Today, there is no such thing as generational curses.*

Those who do not put their trust in Jesus are under the guilt of their own sin and will be condemned by these sins. But, for Christians, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

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(Q) Did Jesus come to take the sin of the world?

(A) Yes. John 1:29, Heb. ch. 9 & 10

(Q) Through Christ have you been freed from all guilt and shame?

(A) Yes, Romans 6:18,22 Rom. 8:1

(Q) Did Jesus take the curse so we would not be cursed?

(A) Yes, Gal. 3:13, Col 2:14,

(Q) Did God promise through an Unconditional oath that He would never be angry or Rebuke us again?

(A) Yes! Isaiah 54:9, Rom 4:8, 2 Corinthians 5:19 (this does not mean He approves of all we do, but it does mean He will no impute our sins to us)

Finally we can know without any doubt this to be true: Any person who is in Christ is Redeemed from Generational Curses because Jesus hanging on that tree (cross) is the Legal, Binding basis of the promise and it is forever settled in heaven and on earth....We are free from condemnation, guilt and shame and we have been made the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:21

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