

Called To Freedom: Galatians

Curse or Blessing?

Read the following verses: Galatians 3:7-14

Examining the Text:

1. In Galatians 3:7-14 there is a contrast between blessing and curse. What are the items linked with a) the blessing, and b) the curse?
2. According to Galatians 3:13-14 what did Christ redeem us from? And, what was the result of what He did?

Digging Deeper:

1. Galatians 3:12 says, "But the law is not of faith, rather, 'the one who does them shall live by them.'" This verse seems positive, but Paul is saying that trying to keep the Law brings a curse. How do we reconcile this?
2. The book of Galatians is aimed at Gentiles who have been saved by faith in Jesus Christ. Since their salvation, some Jews have influenced them to keep certain Jewish practices. What does Paul have to say about this Jewish imposition?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. Paul says, "No one is justified before God by the Law" (Gal. 3:11). Have you ever had the experience of having a law, and finding it difficult to keep it? (Think: weight loss, exercise programs, New Year's resolutions, etc.)