

The Promises of the Cross
The Promise of Bearing Our Curse
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Key Verses of the Series

Let us thank the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was through His loving-kindness that we were born again to a new life and have a hope that never dies. This hope is ours because Jesus was raised from the dead.

We will receive the great things that we have been promised. They are being kept safe in heaven for us. They are pure and will not pass away. They will never be lost. 1 Peter 1:3-4 NLV

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" 2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT

Key Thought of the Series

The crucifixion of Jesus reveals many _____ for us that bring us great blessings.

The Narrative for Today

Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter.

Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified. Matthew 27:22-31 NLT

Grab This!

You see, that act of spitting upon Jesus by those soldiers was just a physical extenuation of what humanity has been doing to God since the _____.

"Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out." Deuteronomy 27:26 NIV

If you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you... Deuteronomy 28:15 NIV

The curse of God has _____ us from Him... it is the result of rejecting his leadership and principles for our lives.

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Colossians 1:21 NLT

Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. Genesis 3:14 NIV

I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Genesis 3:16 NIV

Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.

Key Verse of the Day

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.
Galatians 3:10-14 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

The Promise from Jesus found in the contempt of the soldier's spit is His willingness to be _____ so that we could be _____.

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Jesus didn't just die for you — He was _____ for you.

Grab This!

When Jesus is your Savior you understand that the Redeemer has _____
_____ from the curse of the Father over your sin.

Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered— to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing."

And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." Revelation 5:11-13 NLT

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10 NLT

Don't Miss This!

The blessing we receive from having the curse removed is found in our _____.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. Colossians 1:7-10 NIV

Don't Miss This!

If you have not been redeemed, you are _____.

Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41 NIV

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. Galatians 3:14 NIV