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**Slice of Life**

Galatians 3:12-14 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. (13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: (14) That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (KJV)

Thayers definition for ‘redeemed’:

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1) to redeem

a) by payment of a price to recover from the power of another, to ransom, to buy off

b) metaphorically, used of Christ freeing the elect from the dominion of the Mosaic Law at the price of his vicarious death

2) to buy up, to buy up for oneself, for one's use

Do you know why God sent His Son? Yeah so that the price could be paid in full once and for all, and so that man would not have to continue under that burdensome old law which was based on what is now considered dead works. When one does not continue in the faith but reverts back to the works of the law you also get attached with the curse as well; kind of like the punishment they inflicted on people when they would strap a dead body to a person, eventually the two would become one.

Galatians 3:1-3 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (2) This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (3) Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? (KJV)

Once you depart from the faith, which is what happens when you revert back to the flesh, you re-enter that realm where the curse is now back in play. How it truly grieves the Spirit of God to see people delivered from their Spiritual Egyptian bondage only to see them back peddle instead of moving forward in the liberty they have in Christ.

Galatians 3:4-7 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. (5) He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (6) Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. (7) Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. (KJV)

Hey Church, if we were so smart then why did God have to send His Son to redeem us back? So now that God has provided the only way, by the only truth that sets us free and gives us access to a new life in Christ, why do so many lean back to their own carnal understanding and ways?

Romans 3:20-22 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (21) But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; (22) Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: (KJV)

Simple faith in what Jesus Christ has done and provided for His people is the only thing that works with God, and the only perfect sacrifice that He accepts. Could it get any simplier?