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**Cursed to Blessed**

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## **Care Group Discussion Guide Celebration Church**

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### **Key Text: Galatians 3:13-14**

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

### **Under the Curse**

- We are cursed because we have not kept the law (Deuteronomy 11:28; Galatians 3:10).
  - The law tells us how we should act and how we have sinned.
- However, the law cannot justify us (Galatians 3:11).

### **The Curse Brings:**

- A lack of resources (Malachi 3:9).
- Pain and toil (Genesis 3:17).
- Death (Genesis 3:19).

### **The Curses of Disobedience (Deuteronomy 28):**

- Cursed in the city and the field (v. 16).
- Basket and kneading bowl (v. 17).
- Fruit of your womb and the fruit of the ground (v. 18).
- Cursed in your coming and your going (v. 19).
- Confusion and frustration in all you do until you are destroyed (v. 20).
- Pestilence will stick to you (v. 21).
- Wasting disease and fever, inflammation, scorching heat, drought, blight, and mildew will pursue you until you perish (v. 22).
- Heavens will be bronze and the earth iron (v. 23).
- Rain will be dust and powder (v. 24).
- Defeated by your enemies (v. 25).

### **Redemption from the Curse**

- Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13).
- We have received the blessing of Abraham (Galatians 3:14).
- We have been delivered from the law (Romans 7:6).
- We are freed by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:2).

### **The Seven-Fold Blessing of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3):**

1. I will make you a great nation (1 Peter 2:9).
2. I will bless you (Genesis 22:17-18; Ephesians 3:20).
3. I will make your name great (Isaiah 56:5).
4. You shall be a blessing (2 Corinthians 9:8,10-11).
5. I will bless those who bless you (Isaiah 60:1-2, 13-14,15, 18).
6. I will curse those who curse you (Psalm 18:2; Zechariah 2:5).
7. In you all the families of the earth will be blessed
  - The blessing of Abraham is the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38-39).