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Romans 4

- 1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, has discovered?
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- 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may rest on grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring
- —not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham.
- He is the father of us all.

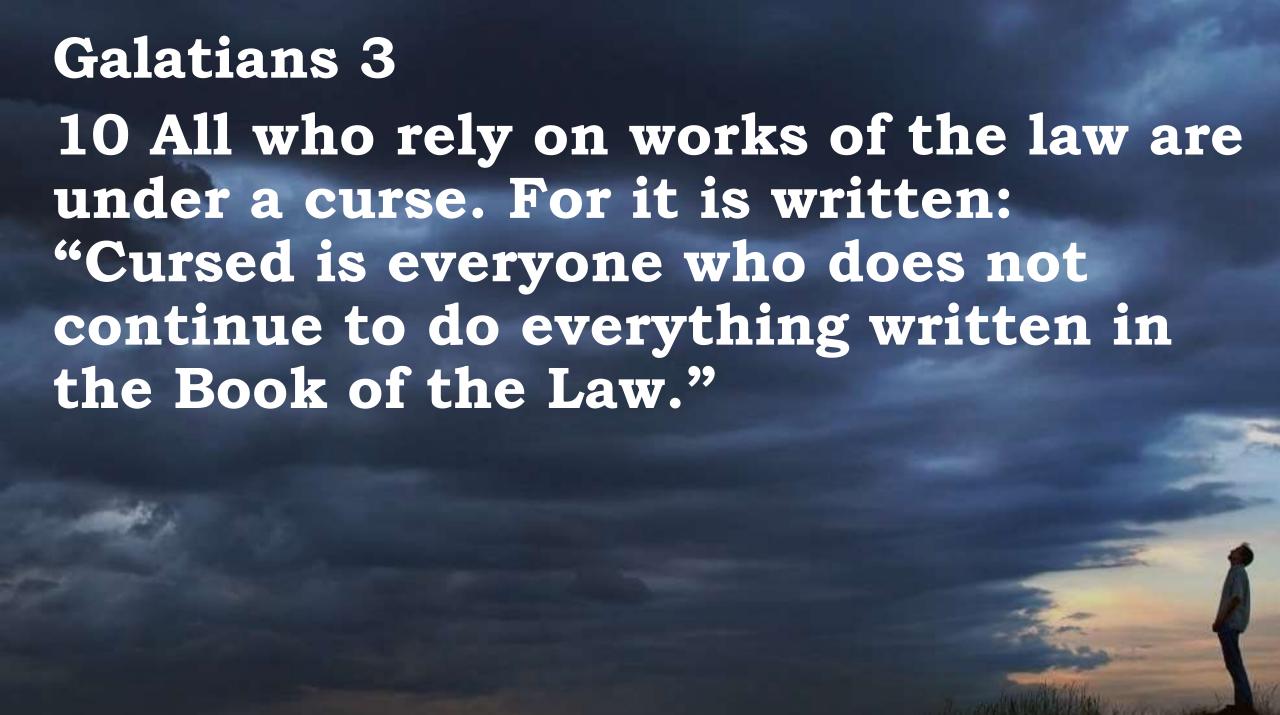
John 1

- 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- 12 But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—
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- 14 Then the Levites shall proclaim in a loud voice to every Israelite:
- 15'Cursed is the man who makes a carved idol or molten image—an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of a craftsman—and sets it up in secret.'
- And let all the people say, 'Amen!' 16'Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother.'
- And let all the people say, 'Amen!' 17'Cursed is he who moves his neighbor's boundary stone.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!'

18'Cursed is he who lets a blind man wander in the road.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!'

19'Cursed is he who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!'

20'Cursed is he who sleeps with his father's wife, for he has violated his father's marriage bed.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!'

21'Cursed is he who lies with any animal.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!'

22'Cursed is he who sleeps with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!'

23'Cursed is he who sleeps with his mother-in-law.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!' 24'Cursed is he who strikes down his neighbor in secret.'

And let all the people say, 'Amen!' 25'Cursed is he who accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person.'

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- 22 If a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is executed, and you hang his body on a tree,
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- 15 Brothers, let me put this in human terms. Even a human covenant, once it is ratified, cannot be canceled or amended.
- 16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say, "and to seeds," meaning many, but "and to your seed," meaning One, who is Christ.
- 17 What I mean is this: The law that came 430 years later does not revoke the covenant previously established by God, so as to cancel the promise.

- 18 For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God freely granted it to Abraham through a promise.
- 19 Why then was the law given? It was added because of transgressions, until the arrival of the seed to whom the promise referred.
- It was administered through angels by a mediator.
- 20 A mediator is unnecessary, however, if there is only one party; but God is one.

Hebrews 9

- 24 For Christ did not enter a man-made copy of the true sanctuary,
- but He entered heaven itself, now to appear on our behalf in the presence of God.
- 25 Nor did He enter heaven to offer Himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.
- 26 Otherwise, Christ would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world.
- But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Hebrews 9

15 Therefore Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance,

now that He has died to redeem them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

21 Is the law, then, opposed to the promises of God?

Certainly not!

For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come from the law.

22 But the Scripture pronounces all things confined by sin,

so that by faith in Jesus Christ the promise might be given to those who believe.

- 23 Before this faith came, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until faith should be revealed.
- 24 So the law became our guardian to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
- 25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

Colossians 2

16 Therefore let no one judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a feast, a New Moon, or a Sabbath.

17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the body that casts it belongs to Christ.