

# THE CURSE OF THE CROSS

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# **Galatians 3:10-13**

**10. All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."**

**11. Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith."**

**12. The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them."**

**13. 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 tree."**

# **Christ's Sufferings Not Physical Alone**

- † **John Calvin: “If Christ had died only a bodily death, it would have been ineffectual...Unless his soul shared in the punishment, he would have been the Redeemer of bodies alone.”**
- † **He is the Savior of our spirit, soul, body.**
- † **“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us” (Gal.3:13)**
- † **What is meant by curse?**

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**Jesus Experienced Guilt Before the Father**

# **Jesus Had Never Experienced Sin**

- † **John 8:29** “The One who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, because I always do what pleases Him.”
- † **John 15:10** “I have kept My Father’s commands and remain in His love.”
- † **Hebrews 4:15** He was “tested in every way as we are, yet without sin”
- † **Hebrews 7:26-27** He is “Holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners...”

# **Jesus Experienced The Guilt of Our Sin**

- † 2 Corinthians 5:21 “He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us...”**
- † 1 Peter 2:24 “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree...”**
- † Isaiah 53:12 “He bore the sin of many”**

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**Jesus Experienced the Wrath of the Father**

# **Jesus Had Never Experienced the Father's Displeasure**

† **John 8:29 “I always do what pleases  
Him”**

# **Jesus Knew What Was Coming And Dreaded It**

- † **Matthew 26:37** “He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed”
- † **Mark 14:33** “He began to be deeply distressed and horrified.”
- † **Mark 14:34** “He said to them, ‘My soul is swallowed up in sorrow—to the point of death’”
- † **Luke 22:43** “Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.”

# **Prayed to Avoid**

- † **Matthew 26:39** “He fell facedown and prayed, ‘My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.’”
- † **Luke 22:44** “Being in anguish, He prayed more fervently, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.”

# **It Was the Cup of God's Wrath**

- † Jeremiah 25:15 “This cup of the wine of wrath”**
- † Isaiah 51:17 “The cup of His fury”**
- † Revelation 14:10 “The wine of God's wrath, which is mixed full strength in the cup of His anger”**
- † Revelation 16:19 “The cup filled with the wine of His fierce anger.”**

# **Jesus Lived in Perfect Communion with the Father**

- † **John 16:32 “I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.”**
- † **John 17:21-22 “You, Father, are in Me and I am in You... We are one”**

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**Jesus Experienced Alienation From the  
Father**

# **On the Cross, He Experienced Alienation From the Father**

**† Matthew 27:46 “At about three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice... ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’”**

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**If a man guilty of a capital offense is put to death and his body is hung on a tree, you must not leave his body on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury him that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse. You must not desecrate the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)**

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**When Christ came to this world He knew He would be "cursed" and "hung on a tree".**

**How did He know?**

**He had written the words Himself,  
"Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."**

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"Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."**

**Yet, He became a curse for us  
so we could be redeemed  
from the curse of the law.**

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**JESUS**

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