



St Paul's

Week 2

WHO THE SON SETS FREE IS FREE INDEED

- Dt 23:4 they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of  Mesopotamia, to curse you. ⁵Nevertheless the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.
- Prov 26:2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight. (We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus)
- Mk 14:69 And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak. (Peter did not have to be cut off from this self curse, nor any family inheritance)
- Mt 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this  just Person. You see *to it*." ²⁵And all the people answered and said, "His blood *be* on us and on our children." (At the day of Pentecost we don't read about these people having to be set free from this self curse)

- The work of the cross is total and complete, nothing can be added to bring us any more freedom.
- Some might say that when they have been prayed for re family sins or curses they have felt released. In reality they have had a truth encounter that they are free but the freedom was already there, nothing to do with the ministry.
- Sadly they often then keep going back for more ministry when things don't seem right.

Undoubtedly there are people who actively seek to curse and put curses upon the people of God but the truth of scripture is that those curses can not find a resting place upon us.

I remember once taking a christian stall into a large occult fair that filled the Pyramids Centre in Southsea. During that time I spoke to many witches and other occult people and there was one particular witch who was initially very angry and aggressive but at the end of the day she came up to me thanked me and shook my hand. Some of my friends were concerned that she might have put a curse on me but in reality it was the occult fair that closed down in shame and debt.

Scripture tells us to bless those who curse us, not to fear them.

Spiritual Inheritance

- Misconceptions (*blame it on the freemasons*)
- Ex 20:5 For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- Corporate consequences, not individual.

Jer 31:27²⁷“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. ²⁸And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹In those days they shall say no more: ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ ³⁰But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

New covenant People

- What is our spiritual inheritance?
- Rm 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ

We are Children of God

One of the outstanding truths of being born again is that our old self died with Jesus and we are spiritually reborn into the family of God and co-heirs with Jesus.

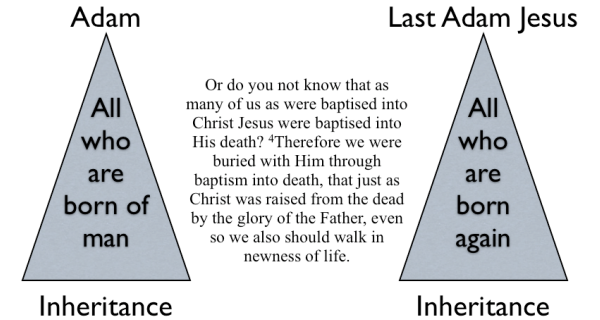
Therefore if we have this spiritual rebirth and a new inheritance how can we possibly have an earthly spiritual inheritance?

Jeremiah foresaw the day when individuals would not be held to account for the sins of the Fathers and that day was fulfilled in the completed work of Christ at Calvary.

Very often there are things that have an influence upon our lives as a result of our parents, some of those things are positive some are negative. On the positive side we might have values, good role models and ethics that we can thank our forbears for including grandparents who might have installed those things into our parents.

On the negative side there might be undesirable character traits, we may be aggressive or abusive, greedy or manipulative, dishonest etc. because of the things we experienced or learnt from our parents. In one sense they are sins of the fathers but they are not spiritual they are things that are in our soul not spirit.

Born Again



Two key words in the Christian vocabulary that we don't use very often are Regeneration and sanctification.

Regeneration is the instant effect of being born again, it is the spiritual rebirth that is complete and irreversible.

Sanctification is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, where we make choices to align our will with the will of The Father and then the Holy Spirit is able to change those wrong and damaged areas of our soul.

We are just like little children when we are born again, the new character of Christ has to be shaped within us, that character is the fruits of the Spirit. All the time we blame damaged issues of the soul on ancestors or demons we will never grow up to be the men and women of God that we could be.