## GOD WANTS YOU BLESSED God Wants You Blessed Not Cursed

I. It's a non-debatable Bible truth that God wants His people blessed-Ga3:13-Christ hath redeemed (rescue) 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: <sup>14</sup>That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith; Dt30:19-I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life; Gn1:28-And God blessed them

## A. If God wanted us cursed all He had to do was leave us alone

- B. <u>God wants us blessed because He loves us</u>-Dt23:5-The Lord thy God turned the curse (not doing well) into a blessing (prosperity-do well) unto thee <u>because</u> the Lord thy God loved thee-3Jn2-Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper (succeed, fare well) and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth
  - 1. Love & blessing-Can't say God loves you but is indifferent about you being blessed-Many are fine with the love but not with the blessing

## II. God's desire to see us blessed was so great, He paid for it at His own expense-It cost Jesus personally for you to be blessed

- A. <u>Our freedom from the curse He valued/wanted it so he bought it</u>-Ga3:13-Redeemed (by payment); AM-Christ purchased our freedom and redeemed us from the curse of the Law; EXB-Christ took away [bought our freedom from] the curse the law put on us
- B. <u>Why do this? He wants us blessed</u>-Coast Guard Moto: So others may live-*ER*-Changed places with us and put himself under that curse-*WE*-He took the curse on himself-*CEV*-Became a curse in our place; *EX*-Christ did this so that God's blessing promised to Abraham might come through Jesus Christ to the Gentiles; *NLV*-The good things that came to Abraham might come to the people who are not Jews
- C. What he took was a curse, what he gave was a blessing-Doesn't want you poor, sick, in pain and not doing well, but wants you rich, healed, in peace doing well-2co8:9-Ue know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty (lack) might be rich (wealthy)-Mt8:17-That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses-Is53:4-He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement (pain) of our peace (well, happy, health, prosperity) was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed; BBE-He took the punishment by which we have peace

1. Many say adamantly God doesn't care if you're happy and healthy

- III. One big key to enjoying a high level of God's blessing in your life is to get deep rooted in the reality that God wants you blessed
  - A. We are blessed, but to enjoy a blessed existence we must contend for it-Spiritual things must be contended for-Dt2:24-Behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle; Jud1:3-Contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints; Gal3:9-They which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
  - B. You won't contend for it if you're not convinced God wants you to it
  - C. <u>The devil will try to talk you out if it so you don't contend for it</u>-So that you just accept a cursed existence-*Gn3*
  - D. <u>EX</u>: Years ago when things were tight financially, we knew it was not a blessing and God wanted us blessed so we contended it for it and got it