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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. REVIEW

- A. ALL OF US BEAR THE DNA OF OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS
- B. THEY HAVE PHYSICALLY TRANSFERRED THEIR MAKE-UP TO US.
 - 1. WE OFTEN SAY, "YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER/FATHER."
- C. OUR DNA DETERMINES THE COLOR OF OUR SKIN AND THE SHAPE OF OUR FEATURES.
 - a. AND WE PASS OUR PHYSICAL DNA DOWN TO OUR OWN CHILDREN.
 - 1) THAT'S HOW BIOLOGY WORKS.
- D. PHYSICAL DNA IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT GETS TRANSFERRED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION TO GENERATION.
 - 1. THERE IS A SPIRITUAL DNA THAT OFTEN GETS TRANSFERRED, TOO.
 - a. AN UNSEEN REALITY THAT PASSES BETWEEN GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, AND CHILDREN THAT LEADS TO GENERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES...
 - 1) THE REPETITION OF NEGATIVE PATTERNS OF SIN
 - 2. THESE PATTERNS TRANSFERRED FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER CREATE SPIRITUAL SCARS ON OUR SOULS.
 - a. PARENTS OFTEN PASS THEM ON UNPLANNED, BUT THEY ARE VERY REAL TO OUR CHILDREN.
 - 1) OUR CHILDREN NOT ONLY OBSERVE OUR NEGATIVE PATTERNS... THEY OFTEN REPEAT OUR PATTERNS AS ADULTS.
 - i. THEN THOSE PATTERNS BECOME A PART OF THEIR SPIRITUAL DNA BY GENERATIONAL TRANSFER.
 - ii. THEN, THE CYCLE OF SIN IS OFTEN TRANSFERRED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION TO GENERATION.

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3. *** **DISCUSS: ALL SIN IS NOT THE RESULT OF GENERATIONAL TRANSFER!!**

E. **THESE NEGATIVE PATTERNS CREATE NEGATIVE RESULTS:**

1. **IN OUR LIVES, AND**
2. **IN THE WORLD AROUND US.**

F.

2. **Galatians 3:10-14 (NASB)** For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM." Christ 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"—in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles (THAT'S US), so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

A. IN Galatians 3:10-14 PAUL SAYS THAT THE LAW ... THE RULES OF GOD (THE 10 COMMANDMENTS) CAME WITH A CURSE IF THEY WERE NOT OBEYED:

1. **Deuteronomy 28:15 (NASB)** "But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

B. **NOTE: THE LAW CANNOT FIX OUR SIN PROBLEM.**

1. **ALL THE LAW CAN DO IS EXPOSE THE PROBLEM = SIN**
 - 1) **BUT, THE LAW DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE IT RIGHT.**
 - 2) **THE LAW IS GOOD TO EXPOSE OUR SIN, BUT IT CAN NOT DELIVER US FROM OUR SIN WHEN WE DO SIN.**

C. **DISCUSS: "LAW"**

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1. LAWS ARE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS WHOSE ORIGINAL INTENT IS USUALLY GOOD.
2. HOWEVER... LAWS ARE OFTEN MADE **COMPLEX** BY THOSE IN AUTHORITY:
 - a. THE PHARISEES AND SADUCEES TOOK THE 10 COMMANDMENTS AND MADE **613 STATUTES:**
 - 1) 248 COMMANDS
 - 2) 365 PROHIBITIONS
 - b. CONGRESS (MODERN PHARISEES?) DOES THAT.
 - c. SOME RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS (CHURCHES) DO THAT.
 - 1) **THE RESULT: A RELIANCE ON RELIGIOUS RULES INSTEAD OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.**

D. THE “LAW” IS LIKE A MIRROR:

1. WHEN WE GET UP IN THE MORNING WE GO TO THE MIRROR TO SEE HOW WE ARE DOING.
2. **ALL A MIRROR CAN DO IS REFLECT AND REVEAL... IT CANNOT CORRECT!**
 - a. OUR HAIR IS MESSED UP
 - b. DROOL IS COMING OUT OF THE CORNER OF OUR MOUTH
 - c. SLEEP IS COMING OUT OF OUR EYES
 - d. THERE ARE WRINKLES ON OUR FACE CAUSED BY THE PILLOW
3. WITHOUT THE MIRROR WE WOULD BE **SELF-DECEIVED**
 - a. WE THINK WE'RE LOOKING GOOD,
 - 1) BUT... IN REALITY, WE'RE LOOKING TERRIBLE!

E. NOTE: WE DO NOT TAKE THE MIRROR OFF THE WALL TO FIX THE PROBLEM

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1. WE DO NOT USE THE MIRROR TO:

- a. COMB OUR HAIR
- b. BRUSH OUR TEETH
- c. WASH OUR FACE

**2. BECAUSE... THE MIRROR IS ONLY THERE TO REVEAL THE PROBLEMS...
NOT TO FIX THEM!**

F. UNFORTUNATELY... MANY PEOPLE GO THE RULES (LAW) TO FIX THEIR PROBLEMS:

1. WE ENACT MORE LAWS

2. WE MAKE RESOLUTIONS

- a. "I PROMISE NOT TO DO THAT ANY MORE"

3. WE DEDICATE... AND REDEDICATE... AND RE-REDEDICATE ON THE REDEDICATIONS!

- a. THOSE MAY WORK FOR A FEW WEEKS OR MONTHS... THEN THINGS GET TOUGH, AND BAM!

1) WE'RE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE PROMISED NOT TO BE.

2) NOT SO?... THINK ABOUT YOUR LAST DIET!!

G. BACK TO GALATIANS 3:

1. PAUL SAYS THAT THE LAW IS GOOD... BECAUSE IT MAKES US AWARE OF SIN.... BUT, ALL IT CAN DO ABOUT OUR SIN PROBLEM IS TO CONDEMN US BY SHOWING US WHAT IS WRONG.

- a. NOT... HOW TO MAKE IT RIGHT

2. THE PROBLEM... IF WE ARE PASSING TO OUR CHILDREN THE SINS THAT WE SAW IN OUR PARENTS... HOW CAN WE STOP THAT PROGRESSION?

- a. Galatians 3:13-14 (NASB) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS

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EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" — in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

b. JESUS' DEATH AND RESSURECTION REMOVED SATAN'S AUTHORITY.

1) BUT... JESUS' DEATH DID NOT REMOVE SATAN'S POWER.

i. HIS POWER WILL BE REMOVED WHEN JESUS RETURNS TO EARTH

3. REMEMBER: SATAN CANNOT CONTROL CHRISTIANS

a. BECAUSE... HE NO LONGER HAS AUTHORITY OVER US.

4. SO... HE HAS TO COME UP WITH ANOTHER SCHEME TO GET US TO SIN AGAINST GOD IN ORDER TO SEPARATE US FROM GOD.

a. ***SATAN'S SCHEME IS TO DECEIVE US IN ORDER TO GET US TO DO WHAT HE CAN NO LONGER DO TO US***

1) WHAT HE NO LONGER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO FORCE US TO DO.

H. SATAN'S SCHEME IS TO PLANT THOUGHTS IN OUR MIND SO WE ARE DECEIVED INTO THINKING HIS THOUGHTS ARE OUR THOUGHTS ENCOURAGING US TO SIN:

1. ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS.

a. SO THAT PAST GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS BECOME OUR PRESENT SIN PATTERNS.

2. WHAT THEN... ARE WE HELPLESS AND HOPELESS TO BE VICTORIOUS OVER SATAN'S SCHEMES?

I. NO!!! JESUS HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT... AND THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN SET US FREE!!!

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1. **John 16:7** (NASB) "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (The Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.
- a. **John 8:31-32** (NASB) So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
- b. **Galatians 5:1-6; 13-25** (NASB) It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery (**THE LAW**). Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. **You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.** For we **through the Spirit, by faith**, are waiting for the **hope of righteousness**. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. ¹³ For you were **called to freedom**, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. **But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.** For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are **in opposition to one another**, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are **not under the Law**. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **But** the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against

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such things **there is no law**. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also **walk by the Spirit**.

- c. **Galatians 3:10-14 (NASB)** For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM." **Christ 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"—**in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles (THAT'S US), so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

3. **HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP US WITH OUR SIN PROBLEM?**
A. COME BACK NEXT WEEK!!!