



What Runs in Your Family Does Not Have to Rule Your Future

Date: August 30, 2026; 11:00 AM (Bonus Sermon)

1. Sin can have generational consequences — Exodus 20:5–6

"You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children **for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me**, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."

2. Every generation is personally responsible before God — Ezekiel 18:20

"**The one who sins is the one who will die.** The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them."

3. A new generation can choose a different direction — Ezekiel 18:14–17

"But suppose this son has a son who sees all the sins his father commits, and though he sees them, he does not do such things: He does not eat at the mountain shrines or look to the idols of Israel. He does not dishonor his neighbor's wife. He does not oppress anyone or require a pledge for a loan. He does not commit robbery but gives his food to the hungry and provides clothing for the naked. He withholds his hand from mistreating the poor and takes no interest or profit from them. He keeps my laws and follows my decrees. ***He will not die for his father's sin; he will surely live.***"

4. Christ has redeemed us from the curse — Galatians 3:13

"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 pole.'"

5. In Christ, your spiritual identity is new — 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Note: What Jesus Said About the Assumption of Blame!

SOMETIMES IT'S NOBODY'S FAULT!

John 9:1–3

"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.'"