

Redeemed from the curse

"When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4, 5).

Anyone in all the world who knows guilt knows also what Jesus felt for him. And by this he knows how close Jesus has come to him. Whoever knows what condemnation is [also] knows exactly what Jesus felt for him, and how thoroughly Jesus is able to sympathize with him and to redeem him. Bearing guilt, under condemnation, and under the weight of the curse, Jesus lived the perfect life of the righteousness of God without ever sinning at all for a whole lifetime in this world of guilt, condemnation, and the curse.

Anyone knowing guilt and knowing also that Jesus actually felt in His experience all this just as

he feels it, by believing in Jesus he can know the blessedness of the perfect righteousness of God in his life.

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). His being made a curse is not in vain: it accomplishes all that was intended by it in behalf of everyone who will receive it. [1]

"In the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.... And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:7,9).

Note:

1. Jones, The Consecrated Way to Christian Perfection, pp. 24.