

The very earth itself has been redeemed!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Thanks be to God, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). All the weight of the curse came upon Him, for "the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us," (2 Cor. 5:21). And whosoever receives Him, receives freedom from all sin, and freedom from the curse.

So entirely did Christ bear all the curse, that whereas when man sinned, the curse came upon the ground and brought forth thorns and thistles (Gen. 3:17,18), the Lord Jesus in redeeming all things from the curse wore the crown of thorns, and so redeemed both man and the earth from the curse.

Bless His name. The work is done. He "has redeemed us from the curse." Thank the Lord. He was made a curse for us, because He did hang upon the tree.

And since this is all an accomplished thing, freedom from the curse by the cross of Jesus Christ is the free gift of God to every soul on the earth. And when one receives this free gift of redemption from all the curse, that roll still goes with him; yet, thank the Lord, not carrying a curse any more, but bearing witness to the "righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference" (Rom. 3:21, 22).

The very object of His redeeming us from the curse is that "the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Jesus Christ" (Gal. 3:14). That blessing of Abraham is the righteousness of God, which can come only from God as the free gift of God, received by faith." [1]

Note:

1. Lessons on Faith, pp. 125, 126.