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THE CURSE THAT BROUGHT RIGHTEOUSNESS

We find prophetic verses in Deuteronomy 21:22-23 it says, *"If a man have committed a sin worthy of death and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury hm that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that the land be not defiled, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.*

It was a curse to be hung on a tree and Moses let the people know before God took him home all sorts of laws and regulations. This one was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In Galatians 3:13 it says, *"Christ hath redeemed 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: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."*

Because of sin, each of us were under the curse of death. This death was not just physical, it was spiritual. Spiritual death is separation from God for eternity. We deserve to be separated because of our sin, but Jesus literally became our curse of sin when he was crucified on the tree. In II Corinthians 5:21 it says, *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; (Jesus never sinned) that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

This is the great exchange. Jesus became our sin so we could be pardoned. No other religion has a leader that did that. Jesus exchanged his righteousness for our sin so we could be reconciled to God. Without that exchange none of us has any hope. This is our blessed hope; that all our sin was laid on Jesus. We have been pardoned from this debt for eternity. We receive this by faith when we receive Jesus as our personal savior.

The curse laid on Jesus brought us righteousness. That is something to shout about! Never again do we have to worry about it. He paid it once and for all, to all those that receive Him.