

The Blessing of Abraham

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-28; Galatians 3:13-14

Building a Foundation

1. The Basis of Struggle for Many in Christ - **Ephesians 1:15-17**

- a. A lack of revelation and understanding of what is rightfully ours

Revelation - uncover, take out of hiding

Scripture must interpret Scripture - **2 Peter 1:20**

A text without a context is a pretext

- b. We have freedom of choice or the right to choose - **2 Peter 1:21**

- c. Our response - either acceptance or rejection

There is no middle ground. Not the opposite sides of the same coin

2. The Original Blessing - **Genesis 1:28**

- a. We are created in God's image and likeness

1). Image - posses God's character

2). Likeness - act like God

- b. God's ordained purpose for humanity

1). Be fruitful - produce or be productive

2). Multiply - increase what you produce

3). Fill the earth - spread your fruitfulness

4). Subdue - to bring into subjection and not be in subjection to it

5). **Dominion** - everything in the earth was to be under mans authority as man was under the headship of God

3. The Double-Minded - **James 1:8**

- a. Double-minded - to halt between two opinions

- b. The representation is that of two minds

- c. **Example:** God's call to Abram

I don't know God. I'm not sure. It is a literal calling God and His promises

It will cause your Christian experience to see limited results at best

d. It will cause you to be unstable - to waver in purpose and intent

4. Christ has Redeemed Us - Galatians 3:13

a. Redeemed - to buy out of; to pay a price securing release

Hence the Christian expressions delivered and liberated

b. From the curse of the law

The **LAW** is God's righteous standards for humanity. They are comprehensive and address every area of human life. (**cover completely**)

The exposes our human weaknesses as it goes against our desires - **Romans 7:14**

What is it? A curse is a denunciation of sin or condemn openly

The curse of the law is the penalty and consequences of sin

Christ is the fulfillment of the law - **Matthew 5:17-18**

c. Redeemed from the curse of the law

It can only be applied to those who by faith and obedience accept and receive God's plan of redemption - **Romans 4:5**

d. Redemption is not a substitute for non-compliance to the Commandments of God