

Reverse The Curse

Romans 5:12-21 - Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It was called the "curse of the Bambino."

- **It was a curse that lasted for 86 years.**

THIS SO CALLED CURSE HAD TO DO WITH A BASEBALL TEAM CALLED THE BOSTON RED SOX...

The Boston Red Sox won the World Series 4 times between 1912 and 1918.

1912 --- Boston Red Sox Win World Series

1915 --- Red Sox Win Again

1916 --- Red Sox Repeat as World Champions

1918 --- Red Sox Win For The Last Time

1914-1919 --- Babe Ruth played for Boston.

- He pitched and played left field.
- His bat and his arm help the Sox to three World Championships in four years.
- Boston was the best team in baseball and Babe Ruth was a priceless asset of the team.

1920 --- Prior to the season, The "Babe" is sold to the Yankees for \$100,000.

- The Yankees, who until then had never won a championship, go on to win 26 of them.
- The Red Sox appear in 4. They lose in game 7 each time.

The Curse of the Bambino.

- **But finally in...**

2004 --- ***The RED SOX WIN!!*** After being down three games to none in the ALCS, the Red Sox roar back and beat the Yankees in the next four games. This is the beginning of the end of the curse. The Sox go on to beat the Cardinals in four straight to become World Champions.

- **It was a long 86 years but the Curse of the Bambino is over.**
- THE RED SOX **FINALLY WON** THE WORLD SERIES AGAIN!!
- **THE CURSE WAS REVERSED!**

The Apostle Paul in our text told the church at Rome;

"by one man sin entered into the world..."

We know that sin entered into the world because of the sin of one man named Adam.

Gen 3:6 – ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

As a result of Adam's disobedience the curse of sin began.

Gen 3:23-24 – ²³ So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

- The curse of sin brought about a separation between man and God!
SIN ALWAYS SEPARATES!
- Although Adam sinned and set in motion a curse that would seemingly last through the ages, there was someone that would **“Reverse The Curse!”**

Paul said in our text: *Romans 5:21 - ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Jesus Christ became the Second Adam...He was the one responsible of reversing the curse of the first Adam!

1 Corinthians 15:45-47 - ⁴⁵ So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.

The Second Adam was better than the first!

- **“Second Beats First”**
 - “The first Adam **cursed us**, the second Adam **blessed us**.
 - The first Adam **hurt us**, the second Adam **healed us**.
 - The first Adam **put us out**, the second Adam **brought us in**.
 - The first Adam **put us down**, the second Adam **lifted us up.**”

- The first Adam put us on the road to Hell; the second Adam put us on the road to Heaven.
- The first Adam ate off of a tree; the second Adam died on a tree.

The SECOND ADAM brought us the SECOND BIRTH so we could avoid the SECOND DEATH and be ready for the SECOND COMING

SECOND BIRTH – John 3:4-5 - ⁴ Nicodemus asked, “How can a grown man ever be born a second time?”

⁵ Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that before you can get into God’s kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit.

SECOND DEATH – Revelation 21:8 - **But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”**

SECOND COMING – Hebrews 9:28 - So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

- Jesus was saying in effect, “I am about to ‘**reverse the curse**’ *that has bound my creation.*”
- **YOU HAVE A SECOND CHANCE!** No matter what your life has been like up until this point, ***you have a chance to reverse the curse of sin that you have carried*** since you came into this world.
- **If you are born once, you’ll die twice! But if you are born twice, you’ll only die once!**
- You are better off not to be born at all **than to not be born again.**
- You must be born again, ***because only your second birth can cancel out your second funeral!***
- **You think your first funeral is sad?** It only lasts an hour; your second funeral will last for all eternity!

The truth is the second Adam “Reversed The Curse!”

- There is **no reason** for anyone ***to be living under a curse!***

- It is **God's will for the curse to be reversed** in your life!
- In 2022 **the curse can be reversed!**

No one is excluded from the curse being reversed!

- The Boston Red Sox had to deal with 86 years of baseball futility!
- Has anyone here had 86 years of failure?
- Has anyone here faced 86 years of spiritual futility? I seriously doubt it!
- But many have had **habitual struggle** and it seems that ***there's no way out of your circumstance.***

The good news is that you can reverse the curse!

- **How? - *The same way the Red Sox did... NEVER GIVE UP!***

Phil 3:14-15 – ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Following Paul's Example - ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

The Message - Phi 3:14-15 - 14- I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. 15- So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision--you'll see it yet!

- Paul said ***"I'm focused, and I'm not turning back!"***
- Paul was saying **the curse has been reversed!**

CLOSE:

The truth concerning the so-called curse of the Bambino is that it really did not exist... it was not really a curse!

The truth today is also this... The curse of sin no longer exist!

JESUS CHRIST has "Reversed The Curse"

- **The curse of futility** in your life does not have to exist!
- **Reversing the curse** begins when **we change our THINKING!**

Phil 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."*

The Message - Phi 4:13 *"Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am."*