



Main Point: God's blessing comes only through faith in God's cursed Son.

1. The curse of failing to keep God's law (v. 10-11a)
2. The blessing of faith in the cursed Christ (v. 11b-14)

1 :

Q: What does every sin deserve?

A: Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 84.

2 :

"We are all legalistic by nature; that is, we innately think so much performance by us earns so much blessing from God."

Jerry Bridges

3 :

"If God's blessings were dependent on our performance, they would be meager indeed...We're always, to some degree, looking out for ourselves, guarding our flanks, protecting our egos. It's because we don't realize the utter depravity of the principle of sin remaining in us and staining everything we do that we entertain any notion of earning God's blessings through our obedience. And because we don't fully grasp that Jesus paid the penalty for all our sins, we despair of God's blessing when we've failed to live up to even our own desires to please God."

Jerry Bridges

4 :

"Before those words broke upon my mind I hated God and was angry with him... But when, by the Spirit of God, I understood those words — 'The just shall live by faith!' 'The just shall live by faith!' — then I felt born again like a new man; I entered through the open doors into the very Paradise of God."

Martin Luther

5 :

"So long as sin, death, and the curse remains in us, sin damns us, death kills us, and the curse curses us; but when these things are transferred to Christ, what is ours becomes His and what is His becomes ours. Let us learn, therefore, in every temptation to transfer sin, death, the curse, and all the evils that oppress us from ourselves to Christ, and, on the other hand, to transfer righteousness, life, and blessing from Him to us."

Martin Luther