

# Gospel Gazette

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## Redeemed From the Curse

**“I never seem to have enough!”**  
**“It seems like I’m just living from paycheck to paycheck!”**  
**“I know God loves me, but why do bad things keep happening to me?”**  
**“I can’t seem to make ends meet.”**  
**“Why are my kids such a challenge?”**  
**“Why don’t things seem to be getting better?”**  
**“I can’t seem to shake off this sickness.”**

**If you’ve ever thought any of these things, you are not alone!**

These are some of the many questions I hear from Christian people whose daily struggles in life seem to be a continual problem...without a solution in sight.

Have you ever known someone who always seems to have something bad happening to them? If it’s not money problems, then it’s family problems; if it’s not family problems, then it is an accident or tragedy or sickness.

Maybe you have felt like that at times – that just when it seems like you’re getting some momentum, just when it seems like something good is about to happen, you’re hit with an unexpected bill or sickness or job loss or family problem that seems to complicate everything.

Why is that? The answer is: it’s a curse! Genesis says that ever since Adam’s sin, the earth and mankind have been under a curse.

The curse in it’s simplest definition is summed up in Murphy’s Law: Whatever can go wrong will go wrong.

Can we ever be truly free from it? The answer is YES! YES, you can absolutely be free! In fact, you already are!

Listen to what God says in Galatians 3:13-14: “Christ has redeemed us from THE CURSE of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree), that the blessing of Abraham might come...”

I want to show you how to reverse the curse so that this pattern of failure, or lack for what you need, never happens again!

You can get to the point where EVERYTHING THAT CAN GO RIGHT, DOES GO RIGHT!

As I have studied the Word of God concerning the curse and why bad things happen to good people, I found that there are 7 areas of our lives that it affects. I listed them here for you because I want to show you how to walk in total freedom beginning TODAY!

**According to Deuteronomy, chapter 28, the curse brings the following things to mankind (pinch yourself and say, “That seems like me!):**

- 1. Poverty – v.29,38 (Poverty simply means not having enough)**
- 2. Emotional problems – v. 28, 65**
- 3. Family problems, including marriage problems and problems with our children – v. 30-34, 41**
- 4. Sickness, disease, cancer – v. 22,27,35**
- 5. Terrorism – v. 49-50 (yes, it’s in this Scripture!)**
- 6. Failure and Defeat – v.20, 25**
- 7. Fear – v. 65-67**

The good news is that if any of these things are operating in your life, they don’t have a right to operate any more, and you can experience real freedom!

When Jesus went to the cross, He nailed these curses to it! He redeemed you. He bought you back from the bondage of the curse. He paid in full for every punishment, problem, and curse that should have fallen on you and me.

Most Christians tolerate bad things happening in their lives because they think that they are unavoidable. They expect it. THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND what they are really free from.

Imagine being jailed for a crime or accident you unintentionally committed. Regardless of your innocence, the jury finds you guilty. You would be frustrated, bitter, and confused.

That is what the curse is like – you don’t intend for bad things to happen, but they do. This confuses and frustrates you, which so often leads to emotions such as bitterness, fear and anger, just to name a few.

Here is an answer to your problems. Here’s how you can reverse this and stop these things from happening in your life:

### **See your need for Redemption!**

We sin without practice. We are born “cursed” Rom 3:23, Eph2:1

#### **1. Receive your redemption.**

In Christ we have redemption through His sacrifice on the cross. When we put our hope, faith and trust in Him the curse is broken. Eph 1:7 “...All who receive Him...become children of God” John 1:12

**2. Be convinced you are redeemed.** Take a look in the mirror and tell yourself what Job proclaimed: “I know that my redeemer lives” (Job 19:25). We are also reminded in Galatians 3:13 that Christ redeemed you. Ephesians 1:7 tells us that we have redemption through the shed blood of our Savior.

**3. Declare who you are in Christ.** Psalm 107:2a: “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! You have to use your words to declare who you are. You are redeemed, so say it. Say it when you feel like it; and say it when you don’t feel like it. Use your words to direct the outcome of your life. Proverbs 18:21 reminds us that life, blessing and prosperity are in the power of the tongue.

**4. Stop expecting bad things to happen to you.** Sometimes we “brace ourselves” for bad news and bad things so they don’t jolt us as much. Stop conditioning yourself to expect negative things to happen. Your spirit has enough energy and chemistry in it to bring those things upon you. That’s what Job meant when he said, “The thing I greatly feared has come upon me” (Job 3:25).

**5. Finally, let me share with you how to deliver an absolute knockout blow to these nagging curses and see them reversed in your life.**

The first thing God asked of Adam and Eve’s sons after the curse came was a sacrificial gift (Genesis 4:3 -12).

**REMEMBER THIS SPIRITUAL KEY TO VICTORY!**  
**A gift always acts as a point of contact.**

But when you bring a sacrificial gift to God, it’s not as if God needs it – but you do! Your gift or your seed releases your faith to get God involved in your situation.

Throughout Scripture, it was a way in which man approached God – and rightly so. We should never approach royalty without a gift. It demonstrates respect, honor and CONFIDENCE in that person’s power and ability.

So today, follow these steps to claim your freedom from poverty, emotional problems, family problems, sickness, terrorism, failure, and fear:

**1. PLANT A SEED – GIVE A SACRIFICIAL GIFT TO GOD AS A POINT OF CONTACT.** What a time of the year to give to the one who has given so much to us! An offering activates your faith and releases God's power to give back – good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.

**2. AS A CONFIRMING ACT OF FAITH** in the redeeming blood of Jesus. **TAKE COMMUNION**, right there in your own home. 1 Corinthians 10:16 calls communion "THE CUP OF BLESSING." When you receive the body and the blood of Jesus, you are receiving the BLESSING in your life and driving out the curse!

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# Mission Needs

Thank you so much for all you do to help us, help them!

## Financial Donations

Donations are always needed, accepted and greatly appreciated! We are presently in need of donations of all types. Our cupboards are nearly bare and the pantries almost empty. We must get ready to serve nearly 28,000 meals this holiday season.

## Fund Raisers

Salt Lake City Mission needs energetic people to plan, recruit, chair, organize and carry out successful fund raising events throughout the holiday season and beyond!

## Food Drives

In addition to serving meals we will also give out thousands of food boxes that are desperately needed this holiday season. Canned goods, packaged foods and dry goods of all types are needed to fill our pantries.

## Clothing Drives

We are in dire need of warm clothing of all types, hats, coats, gloves, shirts, pants, boots, socks, underwear, thermal underwear, insulated coveralls, ski suits, sweats, etc...

## Blanket Drives

We have great need of blankets of all types, comforters, sleeping bags, mummy bags, tents, tarps, etc. Winter is coming fast and there is not enough shelter space for the approximately 3,500 homeless on the streets this winter. 53 homeless died needlessly on the streets of Salt Lake last year.

**Please don't let any more die needlessly this year!**

## Street News Volunteers

Salt Lake City Mission is in need of volunteers to help us recruit, train and employ the homeless, poor and unemployed to sell the Salt Lake Street News to become self-sufficient and own their own small business.

## Volunteers - Building Ranch Facilities

We are in great need of volunteers to help us raise the funds necessary to build permanent program facilities at our 640 acre Second Chance Ranch, chapel & class rooms, housing units, supporting facilities, barns, work shops, training centers, etc.

## Warehouse, Processing Storage Facilities

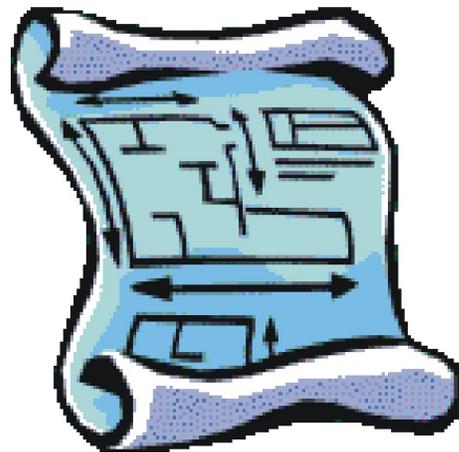
Salt Lake City Mission is in dire need of warehouse, processing and storage facilities for food, clothing, toys, hygiene kits, furniture, appliances, beds, etc. Any help, helps so many.

**To Volunteer or for more information please contact Steve Larsson at 801-638-1002 [stevelarsson@saltlakecitymission.org](mailto:stevelarsson@saltlakecitymission.org)**

# Dear Friends and Mission Partners:

Salt Lake City Mission appreciates your part in supporting our mission to the least, the lost, and the lonely. Because we value your support, our goal is to ensure your contributions are beneficial to you as well. This is why we would like to share a few options for giving that provide advantages to you. By giving creatively, you can:

1. Realize larger tax savings.
2. Make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime.
3. Increase your income for life.
4. Avoid capital-gain tax.
5. Preserve your estate for heirs while providing years of income to further God's Kingdom.
6. Give your house, take a tax deduction now, and continue to live in it rent-free.
7. Convert additional life insurance coverage into a gift.
8. Achieve no-cost, worry-free asset management.



There is a section on our website designed specifically to help you plan your charitable gift. Check it out at [www.saltlakecitymission.org](http://www.saltlakecitymission.org) and click on "Estate Planning". While you are there, sign up for a phone seminar and gain planned giving insight from estate specialists, at no cost. You can also

try out the Estate Plan Organizer, a tutorial designed to walk you through the estate planning process. Or, if you would prefer, you may dial 1-800-876-7958 and our friends at PhilanthroCorp, a Christ-centered charitable planned giving firm, would be glad to send you a paper version of the Estate Plan Organizer or inform you of upcoming phone seminar dates. Learn how a gift to the Salt Lake City Mission can work for you and increase your retirement income, provide benefits to your family and loved ones, or realize additional tax savings.