

A wooden cross stands on an open Bible, set against a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The Bible is open, showing text on the pages. The cross is made of dark wood and is positioned to the left of the Bible.

## The Blessings of the Cross

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified

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II. The Good News

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### Genesis 6:5, 11-12

**5** Then the Lord saw that the **wickedness of man** was great in the earth, and that **every intent** of the **thoughts of his heart** was only **evil** continually.

**11** The earth also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was filled with **violence**. **12** So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was **corrupt**; for **all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth**.

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## I. The Fallenness of Man

**Matthew 24:6-8, 12**

**6** And you will hear of **wars and rumours of wars** ...

**7** For **nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.**

And there will be **famines, pestilences,** and **earthquakes**

in various places. **8** All these are the **beginning**

**of sorrows.**

**Matthew 24:12**

**12** And because **lawlessness will abound**,  
the **love (agape)** of many will grow **cold**.

**Revelation 3:17**

## 2 Timothy 3:1-5

**1** But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come** **2** For men will be **lovers of themselves,** lovers of **money,** boasters, **proud, blasphemers,** disobedient to parents, **unthankful, unholy,** **3** unloving, **unforgiving,** slanderers, without self-control, **brutal,** despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,** **5** having a **form of godliness but denying its power.** And from such people turn away!



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## **II. The Good News**

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## II. The Good News → The Gospel → The Cross

### 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3 ... that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, →

4 and that He was **buried**, and **that He rose again** the third day according to the Scriptures,

### Consequences of Sin

- Separation from God
- Condemnation
- Fears
- Curses
- No grace
- Defeat
- Eternal Damnation
- Death

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Romans 5:6, 8, 10

6 For when we were still **without strength**, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still **sinners**, **Christ died for us**.

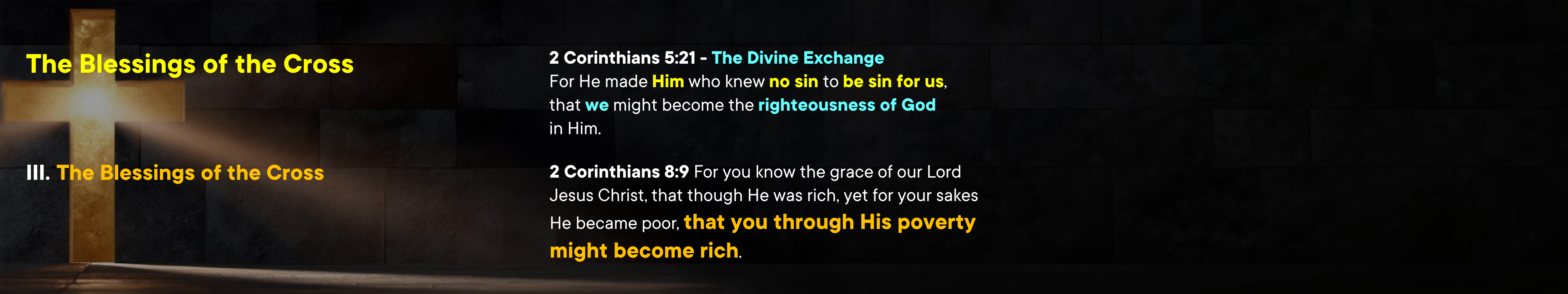
10 For if when we were **enemies** we were **reconciled** to God **through the death of His Son**, much more, having been **reconciled**, we shall be **saved** by His life.

**God continually reaches out to everyone!**

A wooden cross stands on a beach at sunset. In the foreground, an open Bible lies flat on the sand. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection on the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and wispy clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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### 2 Corinthians 5:21 - The Divine Exchange

For He made **Him** who knew **no sin** to **be sin for us**, that **we** might become the **righteousness of God** in Him.

**2 Corinthians 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, **that you through His poverty might become rich.**



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## III. The Blessings of the Cross

1. A personal **relationship** with God
  - **justified** and have **peace with God** (*Romans 5:1*)
  - **reconciled** to God (*Romans 5:10*)
  - **forgiven, cleansed and covered** by His Blood (*Romans 4:7-8*)
  - have **eternal life** (*John 3:16*)



**1. A personal **relationship** with God**

- placed in the **Body of Christ** (*1 Corinthians 12:13*)
- made **righteous** by the Blood of Christ  
(*2 Corinthians 5:21*)
- name written in the **Book of Life** (*Luke 10:20*)
- adopted into the **family of God** (*Romans 8:15*)

Sun-livewire-S-Physics

**Do you have a personal relationship with God?**

Lord's Supper



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## III. The Blessings of the Cross

2. No more **guilt and condemnation.**

1John5:18; Revelation12:10

**Colossians 2:14** having **wiped out** the **handwriting of requirements that was against us**, which was **contrary to us**. And He has **taken it out** of the way, having **nailed it to the cross.**

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**2. No more **guilt and condemnation.****

**Romans 8:1-2**

**1** There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, ... **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me **free from the law of sin and death.**

KLC-p-addiction

**Do you have a Guilt-Free No-Condemnation  
relationship with God?**



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### 3. No more **fears**

Hebrews 2:14-15

14 ... **He Himself** likewise shared in the same, that **through death** He might **destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,** 15 ... **release** those who through **fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to **bondage**.

YA xPs - brain tumour;  
now growth bet heart & lung



### 3. No more **fears**

**Romans 8:15** For you did not receive the **spirit of bondage again to fear**, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, “**Abba, Father.**”

2Timothy1:7  
Jobs-NCB +5AIs



### 3. No more **fears**

**1 John 4:18** There is **no fear in love**; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because **fear involves torment**.  
But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Is Your life **MOSTLY** free from fears?

Worship-F's love wash hits-hurts



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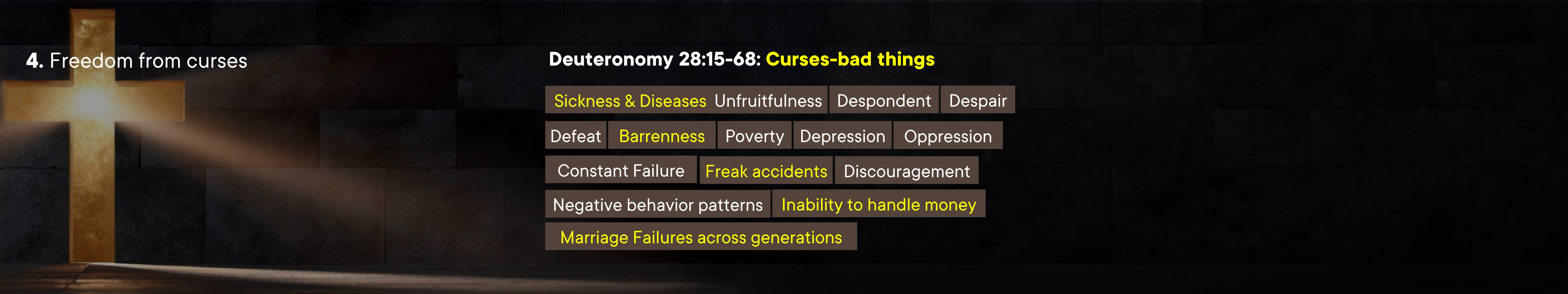
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### 4. Freedom from curses

#### Galatians 3:13-14

**13** Christ has **redeemed us** from the **curse of the law**, having become a curse for us (*for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”*), **14** that the **blessing of Abraham might** come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, ...

Curse still here until Revelation 22:3;  
Ground -Proverbs 26:2; Numbers 23:23



## 4. Freedom from curses

### Deuteronomy 28:15-68: **Curses-bad things**

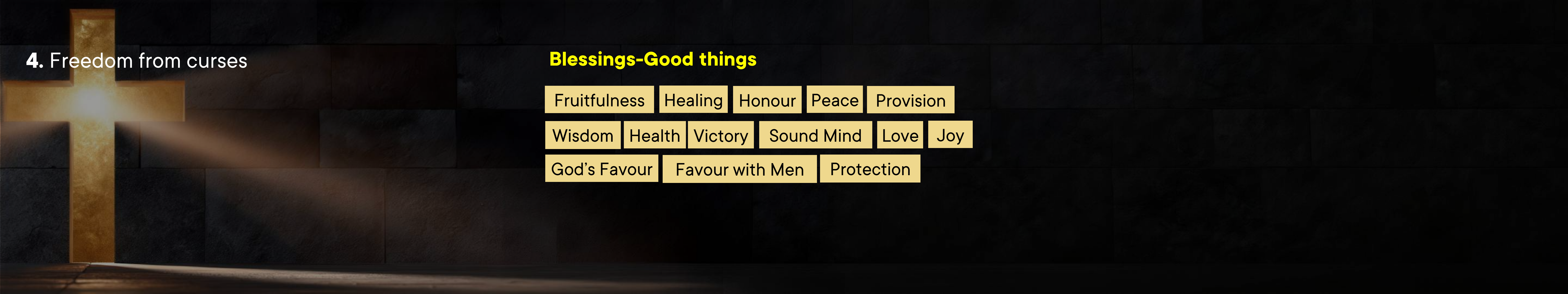
**Sickness & Diseases** Unfruitfulness Despondent Despair

Defeat **Barrenness** Poverty Depression Oppression

Constant Failure **Freak accidents** Discouragement

Negative behavior patterns **Inability to handle money**

**Marriage Failures across generations**



## 4. Freedom from curses

### **Blessings-Good things**

Fruitfulness | Healing | Honour | Peace | Provision

Wisdom | Health | Victory | Sound Mind | Love | Joy

God's Favour | Favour with Men | Protection




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5. Access to the **grace** of God for every **need** in our lives

Romans 5:2 through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, ... Hebrews11:6

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come **boldly** to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain **mercy** and **find grace** to help in time of need. 2Peter1:2-4



5. Access to the **grace** of God for every **need**  
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Comfort	Wisdom	Presence	Success	Forgiveness
Peace	Providence	Intervention	Revelation	Help
Protection	Guidance	Victory	Healing and Health	
Strength to overcome		Favour	<b>Prayer - Details</b>	

Priestly & Kingly Prayers - Tear down strongholds



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6. A more **abundant** life - **new, victorious** and **overcoming**

**John 10:10b** ... I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it **more abundantly**.

- We have every **blessing of Abraham** (*Galatians 3:29*)
- We have every **blessing of the law** (*Deuteronomy 28*)
- We are blessed with **every blessing in the heavenly realms** (*Ephesians 1:3*)



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### 7. The Holy Spirit

#### 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, ... 20 For you were **bought at a price.**

1Peter1:9

Romans 15:13 Now may the **God of hope** fill you with **all joy and peace** in believing, that you may **abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## BOTTOM-LINE

**John 10:10** **The thief** does not come except to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**. I have come that they may **have life**, and that they may have it **more abundantly**.

1John3:8; 2Corinthians2:14



## **BOTTOM-LINE: Blessings of the Cross**

Are you **living below your inheritance in Christ?**

- **There is forgiveness.**

Do you still struggle with **guilt and condemnation?**

- **There is peace.**

Are you constantly gripped with **fear?**

- **There are blessings in Christ.**

Is your life still affected by **curses?**



**BOTTOM-LINE: Blessings of the Cross**

Are you **living below your inheritance in Christ?**

- **There is an abundance of grace.**  
Are we still living **impoverished lives?**
- **There is the Holy Spirit Who is always with us.**  
Are we living **powerless lives?**

What is your current **EXPERIENCE?**

