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## Introduction

This booklet “**The Curse of the Law,**” **Mini-Book, Part 2** is the second of a series of booklets that can help you to know the truth, so that the truth can set you free. Watch for other parts to this series.

The Bible tells us we should “**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth**” (2 Tim. 2:15). Get a copy of **Part 1** of “**The Curse of the Law**” **Mini-Book**, to know how to study the Scriptures. Christians need to know “how to study the Scriptures.”

In this “**Part 2,**” of “**The Curse of the Law**” we will be looking at the principle of “**Headship**” already established among mankind in Genesis, Chapter Two. Before we go into details, let me give you an example of how great God’s principle of headship works among Christians.

I know a couple who over the years learned the principle of headship, and practiced it in their family. The wife is now 85 years old and the husband is now 83 years old. These two have been married for over 61 years. They have two children and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

They lived their life as a married couple in the light of God’s principle of headship. Their love for each other is “agape” (unconditional love). Not “phileo” (conditional love). They have raised their children in love one for another.

God’s principle of unconditional love works much better than conditional love. No matter what someone does, they still love them, and continue to love them. I have been in their home myself. I have seen the results of their love for each other. I have even been in the home of their son, (I was invited to spend Thanksgiving Day with them some years ago). I saw the love in that family. The children love their parents and their brothers and sisters. The children help each other and all of the children are getting top grades in school. This is evidence of the true “agape” (unconditional love of God) that every Christian family should be experiencing.

God is love, and God’s love should be expressed in the lives of every Christian. It all starts with God’s principle of “headship.”

The husband is the head of the wife, but not the way some teach according to their idea of headship. God’s principle of headship is “**He that is greatest among you is to be the servant of all.**” That is God’s principle of “headship.” The husband, being the head of the wife and the complete family, must be willing to become a servant to his whole household. The same applies to the wife. She is not over the husband, but she also must become a servant to everyone in the household. No matter who they are, whatsoever they do, it must be done in “agape” (unconditional love). Never preferring themselves before others. That is “agape” (God’s unconditional love).

Over the years in this family, many times the Devil has tried to cause situations in their lives to destroy their love one for another. His wife was brought up in a family that knew the will of God and the ability of God to do what He says in His Word. At twelve years old, she was attacked with appendicitis and it ruptured. Her father called others to pray with him, and the LORD healed her. His wife always believed in praying for others, no matter who they were and when they needed prayer.

During the years of their marriage, the husband was a salesman, who traveled from State to State, setting up accounts for the company he worked for. By this, they lived in many cities for a few

years at a time. Then they moved to another location and set up accounts for the company he worked for in that area.

By this, they were not always members of a good Church that taught the principles of God according to God's true principles. Yet, they continued walking in love one toward another.

Jesus told us in John 16:33, **"...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."** Satan does attack Christians with everything he can. Satan tries to put sickness and disease upon everyone he can. But the LORD has already overcome sickness and disease **"by the Blood of Lamb slain from the foundation of the world"** (Rev. 13:8). Christians are to overcome the Devil and the world **"...by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..."** (Rev. 12:11).

Over the past few years I have had the privilege of working with this couple in the Word. They have read and studied almost all the Books I have on the Web sites. Once they became more educated in the things of God and His Word, they began to experience more of the power and ability of God to do what He says in His Word.

The husband received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. He continues praying in the Spirit every day as much as he can. Shortly after receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Devil attacked him with pain in his leg. He took authority over the pain and confessed his healing, and the pain left. He was healed by the stripes that Jesus bore for him on the Cross of Calvary.

Another time, his wife was attacked by the Devil in her body. She had four different conditions. She was losing her memory, she needed a walker to walk, she had something like a virus causing her to cough a lot. Then besides all that she had a slight heart condition, in which she was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Even with all this, she never lost her faith, but continually rebuked the Devil and confessed her healing by the stripes that Jesus bore for her on the Cross of Calvary. During this time she had many doctors giving her medication and their advise. One of the Doctors told her husband that he should consider getting her into a place for elderly people where they have medical people twenty-four hours a day. He said she may never be able to take care of herself without medical help.

This couple believed the Word of God, even under the circumstances, and within weeks his wife was healed, and back to doing her normal daily routine, including driving her car, her house work, and everything she was doing before the Devil attacked her.

For more complete details on how this woman received her healing, get the Mini-Book, **"Walk With God, Part 1."** These books can be downloaded free from our Web sites listed on the first page of this Mini-Book.

Christians are still in this world, but Jesus said, **"...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"** (John 16:33).

Again, just recently, the Devil attacked this family. This time, this couple spent many hours praying, coming against the attack of the Devil. After an all night session of pain in his wife's chest and arm, they called an ambulance to take her to the hospital. Before the ambulance left the driveway, the husband called another sister in the LORD for prayer. She prayed, and spoke to the LORD, *"LORD, when they get her to the hospital they will not find anything wrong, Thank You LORD!"* Then this sister in the LORD called another Christian and they agreed in prayer that they would not find any thing wrong at the hospital. Another brother in the LORD was called and he also

agreed in prayer.

When they got to the hospital, and checked his wife out, after many various tests they could not find anything wrong with her heart. They then scheduled her to have a probe put down through her throat to look for any signs of blockage to her heart.

During this time, her husband also was having some problems, indicating there may be something wrong in his heart and arteries leading to and from his heart. He was scheduled for examination that same day.

Prayer was again made by other brothers and sisters in the LORD. Speaking to the LORD, *“LORD, when they check them out, they will not find anything wrong, Thank You LORD!”* Everyone praying in agreement, the husband, his wife, and other Christians.

The husbands report came back from the Doctor, no problem with his heart or arteries. And they scheduled him for a stress test in the morning. His wife’s tests on her throat came back, normal. They scheduled her to leave the hospital the next morning. That morning the stress test was done on the husband. The two of them left the hospital that day. The reports from the husbands stress test came out normal. When the two of them returned home the symptoms that they both had did not exist anymore.

Christians must learn the principle of “headship,” whereby, **“He that is greatest among you is to be the servant of all,”** then God can do what He promises us in His Word.

Christians also need to walk in love “agape,” God’s unconditional love. It would be good if Christians studied 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, and the entire Epistle of 1 John. The Epistle of 1 John explains the two commandments that Jesus gave the Body of Christ in Mark 12:30,31.

## The Curse of the Law

In Galatians 3:13 it says, **“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:”** What law is this speaking of?”

Many believe it is speaking of the Law of Moses. Yet, if that is true, what about the Gentiles? The Gentiles were never under the Law of Moses.

When we consider all that is written concerning **“the curse of the Law,”** we find in Romans 8:1,2 it says, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”**

In Genesis 2:17, all mankind was commanded by the LORD God not to eat of **“the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”** If man would eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil two deaths would come upon man, (spiritual death of the soul and physical death of the body).

This is “the law of sin and death.” When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, all mankind came under the law of sin and death. For a better understanding of the law of sin and death, get **“Part 1”** of **“The Curse of the Law,”** by Merle E. Koepke. This can be downloaded from or Web sites listed on the first page of this booklet.

## HEADSHIP

There is a principle that God established in the beginning called “headship.” Whosoever you submit yourself to, they become the head of your decisions. You can see this explained in Romans 6:16, which says, **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”**

The reason for the principle of headship is to establish “Jesus Christ, as the Head of the Body of Christ, and Christians as members of His Body here on earth.”

Everything God establishes here on earth continues on into eternity. God has wisdom and knowledge of all things, and never makes any mistakes in what He does. When we learn God’s principles, we will find it is easy to follow God’s plan for our lives. Just follow God’s principles, which He established from Genesis through Revelation. God has revealed to man His total plan for this creation and eternity hereafter in the Scriptures. We must receive what He has revealed “by revelation from the Holy Spirit,” not from man’s ideas or teachings. We must be **“taught by God,”** (John 6:45).

Headship was established among people when God first formed man and then formed woman from the rib of Adam. Thus, declaring **“...Adam was first formed, then Eve”** (1 Tim. 2:13). The first of every being becomes “the Head.” Adam became the head of mankind, and Eve became subject to Adam, being she was in Adam in the beginning.

Just as, God the Father was first (the Son and the Holy Spirit came out from the Father) (John 15:26; 16:28). Therefore, God the Father is greater than the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Father is the Head of the triune God of all creation.

Christ is **“the firstborn from the dead”** (Rom. 8:29, Col. 1:15). By this, all who are **“in Christ”** are a part of the Body of Christ. Therefore, Christ is the Head of the Body of Christ.

According to the principles of God, established before the foundation of the world, *“He who is the head must become a servant to those who are under their headship.”*

The main thing different between the headship of Satan and the headship of God, is that God’s headship operates by love “agape.” Satan’s headship operates by dominating power and authority. Satan is a controller by force, whereby God works by love.

Lucifer was the first to rebel against God and was cast out from before the throne of God in heaven (Isa. 14:12-20). There were many angels that followed Lucifer. They left their positions in heaven, before the throne of God. In Jude 1:6, it says, **“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”** It seems that Satan is the headship of these angels.

Therefore, the Son of God who is greater than man, became man in the flesh and became a servant to man. Thereby, (delivering man from the power of Satan unto God through His death and resurrection from the dead). If you can understand this, then you will begin to understand God’s principle of headship.

With mankind, Adam was the head and Eve was of Adam’s body. In Genesis 2:23 it says, **“And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”**

When Adam and Eve came together they became one flesh (that is, one in agreement with each other). Being in agreement with each other in their union of man and woman, Adam did not rule over Eve and Eve did not rule over Adam. They were both in one accord to do the will of God here on earth. This is the way it was with headship among people when man was first created (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:7, 2:22).

When sin entered into the world by the eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, a curse came upon the earth and mankind. A part of the curse included, what was said to Eve in Genesis 3:16. It says, **“Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”**

The husband ruling over the wife was a part of “the curse of the law of sin and death.” Christians are not under the curse of the law of sin and death. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law of sin and death. Galatians 3:13 says, **“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”**

Any Christian husband that tries to rule over his wife, puts himself, his wife, and his whole family back under the curse of the law of sin and death, from which Christ had already redeemed us.

There are many Christian husbands today, wondering why they have so many problems, and their marriages are not working out? Their finances are not supplying all their needs. There is all sorts of problems in their families. Sickness and disease are always taking their families health.

Why is this happening? They have put themselves, their wives, and their whole family back under the curse of the law (from which Christ had set them free). When they go back under “the curse of the law of sin and death,” Satan can attack them, and they are without excuse. The LORD must permit Satan to attack them, being they submitted themselves to Satan by “the knowledge of good and evil.” The knowledge of good and evil brings the curse of the law.

In Galatians 6:8 it says, **“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”** Sowing to the flesh is

the same as coming under **“the curse of the law.”** Sowing to the flesh is preferring oneself before others. This is the opposite of the Headship that God established from the foundation of the world.

Corruption and mortality came upon mankind when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The living soul of man became corrupted (man’s thinking was changed by the thoughts that came from the Devil). The physical body took upon itself death, whereby death became resident in man (which is called mortality).

To walk in the likeness and image of God, and spend eternity in heaven 1 Corinthians 15:53 says, **“...this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”**

What can Christians do when they find themselves being attacked by Satan with all kinds of problems, financial, rebellion in the family, sickness and disease, etc.?

The first thing Christians should do is find out if they are operating according to God’s principles, which He established from the beginning? Are they walking in love (the unconditional “agape” love of God)? Is the husband trying to operate “in power and authority over the wife and the children?” Are the children being brought up in love? Or, are they left to others to teach them and train them in the way they should go? Christian parents should be putting their children, and the needs of their children before their own needs. Philippians 2:3,4 says, **“...let each esteem other better than themselves...Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”** In 1 Corinthians 10:24 it says, **“Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s wealth.”**

Christian parents should be walking in the love of God toward their children at all times. Never leaving the teaching and training of their children to another. God has given Christian parents a great responsibility in bringing up their children. Put God first, and walk in His principles, and the protection of all the powers of heaven will be upon your household. **“God is Love”** (1 John 4:8). If Christians are not walking in the “agape” love of God, they are open targets for Satan.

What needs to be understood among Christians is that we have “relationship to God” by the new birth. By the new birth we become “children of God, in Christ Jesus.” But to maintain our “fellowship with God,” we must **“walk in the light as He is in the light”** (1 John 1:6,7). This is why it is so important to study and know what we are taught in the Epistle of 1 John. We must “walk in the light to be cleansed from all sin by the blood of Jesus Christ.” The blood of Jesus is the seal of our everlasting covenant (Heb. 13:20). Our part of the covenant is to walk in the light and maintain our fellowship with the Father and the Son.

If we walk in darkness we come back under “the curse of the Law of sin and death” and Satan has an advantage over us. If we fail to **“walk in the light as God is in the light”** (because of the blood of the everlasting covenant), we can repent, confess our sins and be cleansed from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

For more information of this subject get the next parts to this series **“The Curse of the Law.”** These parts can be downloaded from our Web sites.

We are warned about returning to the life we lived before we were redeemed in 2 Peter 2:15-21. Therefore, it is important to understand headship as it was established by God from the beginning.

Satan works to try to distort God’s principles of headship to his advantage, by placing headship as “the ultimate authority without respect for those under their authority.”

God’s principles only work when people walk in love. Satan has no love, therefore his ideas

of God's principles are distorted.

## **Headship in the Body of Christ**

In the New Covenant, only the Body of Christ is under the New Covenant. God's New covenant is not with those who are not a part of the Body of Christ. Those who are of other religions, such as Hindus, Buddhists, etc. are not under the New Covenant. Just as in the Old Covenant, the covenant of the law of Moses was only for the tribes of Israel, and those who received the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as their God. The Egyptians, Canaanites, etc. were not under the law of Moses. Therefore, they did not have a covenant with God. Ephesians 2:12 says, **"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."**

Christ is the head of the Body of Christ. Everyone who is a born again Christian is under the headship of Jesus Christ. The New Covenant is actually between God the Father and Jesus Christ, God's Son. There is only one Body of Christ, and all who are a part of the Body of Christ are members of One Body.

The New Covenant is between God the Father and Jesus Christ, and is sealed by the Blood of Jesus (Luke 22:19,20). Why is it this way? Just as Adam was the beginning of the human race upon earth, he became the head of all people in the flesh. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead, therefore, Jesus Christ became the Head of the Body of Christ.

The Body of Christ is a "spiritual body" of those who are born again of **"the Spirit"** (which is the Holy Spirit (John 3:6)) and **"the Word"** (which is the Son of God (John 1:2, 1 Peter 1:23)). No one can become a part of the Body of Christ without first becoming born again. This spiritual body is joined One Spirit with the LORD (1 Cor. 6:17). This spiritual Body also includes the Father and the Holy Spirit. In Ephesians 4:4-6 it says, **"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling...One Lord, one faith, one baptism,...One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."**

The Body of Christ is **"man and God"** united in one body. The life of the Body of Christ is spiritual life, the very life of God the Father flowing through the Son and through every member of the Body.

What does this all have to do with Headship? The head of the Body of Christ is responsible for the whole body of Christ. Because of what Jesus did for us on the Cross of Calvary, and His resurrection again from the dead, His faith becomes our faith as it says in Romans 3:22, **"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference."**

His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Romans 3:26 says, **"To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."** Christians are not saved because of their faith, they are saved **"by the faith of Jesus Christ,"** which is upon all them that believe.

In the Body of Christ, Christians are sanctified by Christ. In Hebrew 2:11 it says, **"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."**

Redemption is by Christ, as God was in Christ Jesus reconciling us unto Himself, as it tells

us in 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Look at 2 Corinthians 5:19,21, which says, **“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation...For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”**

Everything we are and everything we have in Christ is not of ourselves, but of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, Christ is the Head of the body and He is responsible for what happens to those who are in Him. This is Headship as it was from the beginning.

This headship involves, **“He who is greatest among you is a servant to those under Him.”** This does not agree with what a lot of Christians believe, but this is proven in the Word of God.

God the Father is greater than the Son. Yet, God the Father is working through Christ to reconcile the world unto Himself (2 Cor. 5:19).

God the Father **“made Jesus both LORD and Christ”** (Acts 2:36). LORD, means “supreme in authority.” Christ, means “the anointed One.” The anointing is the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38). It was God the Father **“in Jesus”** doing the works (John 14:10). Therefore, God the Father became a servant unto His Son, Jesus Christ. Headship involves **“He who is greatest among you let him become your servant.”** (See John 13:13-16).

The one who is greatest among us is also responsible for the actions of those under them. This is also seen in Genesis, Chapter Sixteen. It was Sarah’s idea that Abraham have a child with her maid. Yet, when Sarah (who was Abraham’s wife), saw the results that her plan produced, she said to Abraham **“...My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee”** (Gen. 16:5). Who was held responsible for the birth of Ishmael, Sarah or Abraham? Look at Galatians 4:22-31 and see for yourself.

Headship is not a position of great power and authority, it is a position of responsibility for all who are under the Headship of another. **“He who is greatest among you, let him be your servant”** (John 13:16).

It is important that Christians understand the Scriptures, especially those that reveal the principles of God, which He established from the foundation of the world. Many Christians today are being destroyed for a lack of knowledge. We are all instructed in Proverbs 4:5,7, to **“Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth...Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.”**

Wisdom comes from God, and we receive it by the teaching of Holy Spirit. Jesus said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”**

I would encourage every Christian to get the other parts of this series on **“The Curse of the Law,”** also other books such as **“Taught by God,” “The Snare of the Devil” “JOB”** (the Book of Job), **“The Local Church,”** just to name a few.

There is more to being a Christian than just becoming born again and going to Church. God has great plans for all of His Children. The end is eternity in heaven or hell forever. Jesus said, **“those who do the will of God the Father will inherit eternity in heaven”** (Matt. 7:21). Do not let the Devil lead you down the wrong road to destruction.

For more information on **“The Curse of the Law,”** which includes more details on **“Headship,” “The Love of God,” “Our Inheritance,”** etc., get all of the Mini-Books, on this

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