

Born to Sail 2 – The Curse

Main Texts: Gen 3:1-19; Ecc 2:1-11

Intro:

Review:

- ⇒ Jesus' offer to us is freedom... Christianity is not of bunch of rules or religious activities, or going to church or reading your bible... these things are what a Christian does and not because trying to be good enough people for God to accept us. Christianity is Jesus' offer of freedom for people enslaved to sin, shame and death. We do these things because we love God and know that he already loves us (he loved us first).

Opening Idea...

- ⇒ Have you ever wondered how the world got to be the way it is today? Why there is so much hatred, sickness, terrible events, and so much pain?

We are under a curse

Movie Clip... *Pirates of the Caribbean* [0.54.01 – 0.58.27]

Story of man's sin: Gen 3 – Read with commentary

- ⇒ First words of Satan... "Did God really say...?"
- ⇒ When Adam and Eve sinned, mankind became separated from God – the perfect relationship we had with God was broken and we came under a curse.
- ⇒ Our greatest curse was that our relationship with God – the one we were created to be in with God – changed. We no longer were in intimate fellowship with very being we were created to be in fellowship with

- ⇒ Our sin is kinda like the Aztec gold. Since all of us have sinned, it's as if we've each taken a piece of the Aztec gold and the curse is upon us.
- ⇒ Now our default setting is to try and satisfy the curse (separation and loss of fellowship with God) by chasing after everything that isn't God. The problem is that only fellowship with God can actually satisfy this deep need within us. (Ecc 2:1-11)
- ⇒ Capt'n Barbosa: "The more we gave them away, the more we came to realize the drink would not satisfy; food turned to ash in our mouths; and all the pleasurable company in the world could not slake our lust. We are cursed men – compelled by greed, and now we are consumed by it"
- ⇒ Right after the curse fell upon humankind, God began the process of restoring our relationship with him. Next week we'll discover the first step in this restoration.

Jesus Became our curse for us... Gal 3:10-14