

From The Desk of Pastor Henry Wallace



Wisdom Of The Week

On Not Under

***Galatians 3:13** 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:*

When we read and understand the truth that is set forth in this verse, we should rejoice and shout
Hallelujah!

You see, millions upon millions of us on Christmas Day will be looking under a tree for the gift
or gifts that were purchased just for us.

But saints, THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN to you and me, to the world, can't be
found **under a tree**, but rather **on a TREE**.

Here in this verse the Bible calls the Cross of Calvary a tree.

On that Cross or Tree, Christ became something He was not before—a “curse.” God placed our
curse on Him. He took our hell so that we might have His heaven. Jesus stood as a curse between
us and the law. If Jesus could not escape the curse of God, how can we expect to **escape** God's
curse through doing works?

When Jesus cried on the cross, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” God the Father
put a **curse** on Him **for us**.

Jesus stood as a curse in our place. The word “for” is substitutionary. Jesus became
our **substitute** by taking the penalty for the sins we committed.

Saints, every day, throughout the day, you and I should continually thank God, not for THE
GIFT “**UNDER**” THE TREE, but THE GIFT “**ON**” THE TREE.