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Sermon – Broken People in a Broken World

Scripture - Genesis 3:17-19, Romans 8:20-22, Galatians 3:13, Colossians 2:15, Revelation 22:3

Main Message – The world and everyone in it is cursed and avoiding God isn't making it any better.

This week, again, tragedy struck where an individual entered into a catholic school and shot quite a few people and killed two children so far. Then he turned the gun on himself and killed himself. Once again, we have the usual uproar over everything but the root cause. Guns are bad, people are bad, trans-people are really bad, etc... ad nauseum.

The world we live in is marked by brokenness—a consequence of the curse that entered humanity through sin. In the beginning, God created a perfect world, but humanity's disobedience brought a curse that fractured our relationship with God, each other, and creation itself. Genesis 3:17-19 captures this moment, where God speaks to Adam after the fall: "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return" (NIV). This curse introduced toil, pain, and death, affecting every aspect of life. The effects of this curse ripple through humanity, as described in Romans 8:20-22: "For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time" (NIV). The world groans under the weight of sin, seen in suffering, injustice, and decay, a direct result of humanity's separation from God. Yet, in the midst of this brokenness, God provided a solution through Jesus Christ, who answered the curse with His life, death, and resurrection. Galatians 3:13 declares, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole'" (NIV). Jesus took the curse upon Himself on the cross, bearing the penalty of sin so that we might be reconciled to God. Through His sacrifice, He broke the power of sin and death. Moreover, Jesus' victory over the curse is affirmed in Colossians 2:15: "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" (NIV). His resurrection guarantees the promise of restoration, offering hope for a new creation. Revelation 22:3 points to this future hope: "No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him" (NIV). Through Christ, the curse will be fully lifted, and humanity will be restored to fellowship with God in a renewed creation. Today, while we still live in a broken world, Jesus offers redemption and the promise of ultimate restoration. By trusting in Him, we find hope and purpose, knowing that He has overcome the curse and is making all things new.

Finally Romans 5:16-20 drives the point home, especially in vs. 17 where the life we can have today gives us the ability to reign or succeed now, not later. The world is cursed and will be until the end when God will make everything new and right. Until then, you can expect bad things because of this one thing.

People have rejected the only path that releases us from the curse, and that is Jesus Christ.