

Redeemed.

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.”
Galatians 3:13.

The actual word curse contains something horribly. It expresses everything evil which the Lord threatens the sinner with, in the law. As the word blessing contains all God’s grace and all the good things, that God in his love will shower on his friends, so the word curse contains the very opposite. It expresses all the divine wrath and disgust, that reign in God’s enemies, and all evil which he, in his wrath, has power to bring on them.

If it had said, that Christ had been cursed in order to redeem us, that would be horribly too. But now the word says it much stronger, that he became a curse – became the actual curse. Likewise it says in 2. Cor. 5:21, that *‘God made him who had no sin to be sin for us.’* Not only was all sin laid on him, but he was made to be sin.

With these strong expressions, the Holy Spirit wants to tell us that Christ was made so completely one with us, our sin and punishment, that he could be looked at as changed into sin and curse – Yes, rightly be called the actual sin and curse.
You are dearly bought!

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