

Galatians

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Chapter 6

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Doing Good to All

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (*Galatians 6:10*)

Prayers

Introduction

Paul closes his letters with practical encouragement to love others and reminds them that he is writing them personally. His letters are not the work of a secretary. He closes his letters to the Thessalonians by writing, "I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write" (2 Thessalonians 3:17).

In this lesson, we will read Paul's closing comments and discuss Paul's major points to the Galatians and how they apply to us.

Read Galatians 6

Gal 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

Gal 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Gal 6:3 If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Gal 6:4 Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else,

Gal 6:5 for each one should carry his own load.

Gal 6:6 Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor.

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Gal 6:8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Gal 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1. Paul's comments on practical applications of Christian living are very short in Galatians. What actions did Paul stress Galatians 6:1-10?
 - a. Verse 6:1
 - b. Verse 6:2

- c. Verse 6:5
- d. Verse 6:6-8
- e. Verse 9-10

2. What is the relationship between carrying the burdens of another with fulfilling the law?

3. How have you been called to carry the burdens of others and do good by them?

Read Galatians 6:11-18

Gal 6:11 See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Gal 6:12 Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Gal 6:13 Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh.

Gal 6:14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Gal 6:15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation.

Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

Gal 6:17 Finally, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit, brothers. Amen.

4. What were Paul's final reasons why the Galatians should not follow the Judaizers (verses 6:12-13)?

As time permits, discuss some of the following topics:

5. What is justification, and how does it assure your faith?

6. What are some wrong ways we try to justify ourselves to God?

7. What is redemption, and how does it assure in your faith?

8. Why does Paul call all believers “sons of God”?

9. Why was it futile for the Galatians to believe they needed to be circumcised, keep Jewish laws, and believe in Christ?

10. What does it mean to live by the Spirit?

11. If we are spiritually reborn and live by the Spirit, why do we continue to sin?

12. While Martin Luther was a monk, he practiced a rigorous worship, prayer, study, and service schedule. These actions are regarded as the foundation of a well-balanced Christian life, but they brought him misery, not closer to God. Discuss how any of these actions can be either legalistic or life by the Spirit.

13. Share any additional insights you gained during your study of Galatians.

Closing Prayer