

# ***GALATIANS CHAPTER 6***

In your group read Galatians chapter 6 aloud. As a group discuss the general content of the chapter.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GROUP: Read and Discuss** each verse and translation along with the “Additional Information.”

## **GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSES 1-2**

**> READ THE FOLLOWING:** Galatians 6:[1] Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. [2] Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. **(King James Version)**

<sup>1</sup>Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. <sup>2</sup>Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **(New Living Translation)**

<sup>1</sup> Christian brothers, if a person is found doing some sin, you who are stronger Christians should lead that one back into the right way. Do not be proud as you do it. Watch yourself, because you may be tempted also. <sup>2</sup> Help each other in troubles and problems. This is the kind of law Christ asks us to obey. **(The New Life Testament)**

<sup>1</sup> My friends, you are spiritual. So if someone is trapped in sin, you should gently lead that person back to the right path. But watch out, and don't be tempted yourself. <sup>2</sup> You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand. **(Contemporary English Version)**

**Additional Information: (Verse 2) - “The Law of Christ.”** See 1 Cor. 9:20-21.  
**< STOP AND DISCUSS.**

## **GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSES 3-5**

**> READ THE FOLLOWING:** Galatians 6: [3] For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. [4] But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. [5] For every man shall bear his own burden. **(King James Version)**

<sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody. <sup>4</sup> Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well, and you won't need to

compare yourself to anyone else. <sup>5</sup> For we are each responsible for our own conduct. **(New Living Translation)**

**3** If anyone thinks he important when he is nothing, he is fooling himself. **4** Everyone should look at himself and see how he does his own work. Then he can be happy in what he has done. He should not compare himself with his neighbor. **5** Everyone must do his own work. **(The New Life Testament)**

<sup>3</sup> If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong. <sup>4</sup> Do your own work well, and then you will have something to be proud of. But don't compare yourself with others. <sup>5</sup> We each must carry our own load. **(Contemporary English Version)**

**Additional Information: (Verse 4) – “Having rejoicing in himself.”** If a believer rejoices or boasts, it should be only boasting in the Lord for what God has done in him (see 2 Cor. 10:12-18), not for what he supposedly has accomplished compared to other believers (1 Cor. 1:31) (MacArthur Study Bible, p. 1799).

**(Verse 5) – “Bear his own load.”** This is not a contradiction to verse 2. “Load” has no connotation of difficulty; it refers to life’s routine obligations and each believer’s ministry calling (cf. Matt. 11:30; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10). God requires faithfulness in meeting those responsibilities (Ibid., p. 1799). <::::::::::: **STOP AND DISCUSS.**

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### VERSE 6

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING: Galatians 6: [6] Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. (King James Version)**

**[6]** Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. **(New International Version)**

**[6]** People under instruction should always contribute something to the support of the man who is instructing them. **(Jerusalem Bible)** <::::::::::: **STOP AND DISCUSS.**

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### VERSES 7-10

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING:Galatians 6: [7] Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. [8] For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. [9] And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. [10] As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (King James Version)**

<sup>7</sup> You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life. <sup>9</sup> Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. <sup>10</sup> We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord. **(Contemporary English Version)**

<sup>7</sup> Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time. <sup>10</sup> Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters. **(New Living Translation)**

**Additional Information:** In this passage Paul give a perfect description of a life of repentance & faith and also a life devoid of it. <:::::::::: **STOP AND DISCUSS.**

## GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSE 11

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING: Galatians 6: [11] ¶ Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. (King James Version)**

<sup>11</sup> Notice what large letters I use as I write these closing words in my own handwriting. **(New Living Translation)**

**Additional Information:** Instead of the normal cursive style of writing used by professional scribes, Paul used the large, block letters frequently employed in public notices to emphasize the letter's content (MacArthur Study Bible, p. 1800). <:::::::::: **STOP AND DISCUSS.**

## GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSES 12-14

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING: Galatians 6: [12] As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. [13] For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. [14] But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. (King James Version)**

<sup>12</sup> Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised are doing it for just one reason. They don't want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save. <sup>13</sup> And even those who advocate circumcision don't really keep the whole law. They only want you to be circumcised so they can brag about it and claim you as their disciples. <sup>14</sup> As for me, God forbid that I should boast about anything except the cross of

our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world died long ago, and the world's interest in me is also long dead. **(New Living Translation)**

**12** Those men who say you must go through the religious act of becoming a Jew are doing it because they want to make a good show in front of the world. They do this so they will not have to suffer because of following the way of the cross of Christ. **13** Those who have gone through the religious act of becoming a Jew do not even keep the Law themselves. But they want you to go through that religious act so they can be proud that you are their followers. **14** I do not want to be proud of anything except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of the cross, the ways of this world are dead to me, and I am dead to them. **(The New Life Testament)**

**Additional Information: (Verse 14) – “God forbid that I should boast except in the cross.”** The Greek word for “boast” is a basic expression of praise, unlike the English word, which necessarily includes the aspect of pride. Paul glories and rejoices in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (cf. Rom. 8:1-3; 1 Cor. 2:2; 1 Pet. 2:24) (MacArthur Study Bible, p. 1800). <::::::::::: **STOP AND DISCUSS.**

#### GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSES 15-16

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING: Galatians 6: [15] For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. [16] And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. (King James Version)**

<sup>15</sup>It doesn't make any difference now whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we really have been changed into new and different people. <sup>16</sup>May God's mercy and peace be upon all those who live by this principle. They are the new people of God. **(New Living Translation)**

<sup>15</sup>It does not matter at all whether or not one is circumcised; what does matter is being a new creature. <sup>16</sup>As for those who follow this rule in their lives, may peace and mercy be with them—with them and with all God's people! **(Today's English Version)**  
<::::::::::: **STOP AND DISCUSS.**

#### GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSES 17-18

::::::::::> **READ THE FOLLOWING: Galatians 6: [17] From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. [18] Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (King James Version)**

**17** To conclude: let no one give me any more trouble, because the scars I have on my body show that I am the slave of Jesus. **18** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, my brothers and sisters. Amen. **(Today's English Version)**

**17** I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. **18** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen. (**Jerusalem Bible**)

**Additional Information: (Verse 17) – “I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.”** The marks on Paul were the scars of wounds inflicted on him by persecutors. See Acts 14:19; 2 Cor. 11:23-25. (Spirit Filled Life Bible, p. 1781).

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### *(Galatians Chapter 6)*

**Instructions for Group Leader:** Do not let the group read the following questions and answers. The leader of your group should ask the group the following questions and encourage the group to discover the answers by going to the appropriate Scriptures. **Discuss and answer (as a group) the questions correctly by using the Scripture(s). Turn to Galatians Chapter 6.**

1. **Read Galatians 6:1.** If a Christian is overcome by sin, those who are spiritual should: a. hit him over the head with a baseball bat. b. beat him with whips. c. gently and humbly help that person to get back on the right path.

2. **Read Galatians 6:2.** Share each other's burdens and so fulfill: a. the law of Moses. b. the law of Christ. c. none of the above.
3. **Read Galatians 6:3.** Anyone who thinks he's doing fine spiritually but does little or nothing to help others is only fooling himself. True or False.
4. **Read Galatians 6:6.** We should share with those who instruct us in the Word of God. True or False.
5. **Read Galatians 6:7.** What a person sows, that is what he will harvest as well. True or False.
6. **Read Galatians 6:8.** Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest: a. decay. b. death. c. corruption. d. all of the above.
7. **Read Galatians 6:9.** If you follow the Spirit you will harvest: a. eternal life. b. happiness. c. death.
8. **Read Galatians 6:10.** We should help people whenever we can, especially followers of the Lord. True or False.
9. **Read Galatians 6:12.** Those who were trying to force the Galatians to be circumcised didn't want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save. True or False.
10. **Read Galatians 6:14.** May we never brag about anything except what Christ has done for us on the cross. True or False.
11. **Read Galatians 6:15.** In our life what really counts is: a. that we were circumcised. b. making a lot of money. c. the new creation, receiving a new nature.
12. **Read Galatians 6:17.** The Apostle Paul had in his body: a. wounds. b. scars. c. other outward evidence of persecutions. d. all of the above.

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