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GALATIANS CHAPTER 6

In Your Group Read Galatians chapter six (aloud) in a modern translation or read it in the King James Version (below). As a Group, Discuss the general content of the chapter.

THE LETTER OF GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 King James Version

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. **[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. **[6]** Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. **[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. **[11]** ¶ Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. **[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. **[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. **[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.

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

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6

VERSES 1-2

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)

¹Dear 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. ²Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **(New Living Translation)**

¹Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again. But be careful, because you might be tempted to sin, too. ²By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ. **(New Century Version)**

Even if a man should be detected in some sin, my brothers, the spiritual ones among you should quietly set him back on the right path, not with any feeling of superiority but being yourselves on guard against temptation. Carry each other's burdens and so live out the law of Christ. (verses 1-2) **(Phillips Translation)**

[1] My fellow Christians, if a person is caught in the trap of some sin, let those of you who are spiritual set him right again in a humble manner. At the same time keep an eye on yourself so that you also are not tempted. **[2]** Help one another bear these burdens, and so you will carry out the law of Christ. **(God's Word to the Nations)**

[1] My dear brothers and sisters, if a fellow Christian is being overpowered by some sin, it is the duty of those of you who are allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you, to restore that person. But do so gently, with humble consideration, realizing how concerned you yourself also need to be to keep from falling to temptation. **[2]** So share each others burdens of conquering the temptations that so harass us. By doing so, we are doing what Christ commanded us to do. **(The Last Days Bible)**

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6
VERSES 3-5

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)

[3] For if any person thinks himself to be somebody [too important to condescend to shoulder another's load] when he is nobody [of superiority except in his own estimation], he deceives and deludes and cheats himself. **[4]** But let every person carefully scrutinize and examine and test his own conduct and his own work. He can then have the personal satisfaction and joy of doing something commendable [in itself alone] without [resorting to] boastful comparison with his neighbor. **[5]** For every person will have to bear (be equal to understanding and calmly receive) his own [little] load [of oppressive faults]. **(The Amplified New Testament)**

³ If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct. **(New Living Translation)**

If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived. Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life. (verses 3-5) **(The Message)**

[3] Because anyone who thinks he's doing fine spiritually while he does little or nothing to help others, is only fooling himself. **[4]** Each of us, then, must carefully examine our own actions. And when we pass the test, we can rejoice in what we ourselves are doing, and not just in what others are doing. **[5]** Because on Judgment Day, everyone will be judged individually. Each of us will be held accountable for what we have done or have failed to do. **(The Last Days Bible)**

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6

VERSE 6

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)

[6] Now our concern for others must include sharing all of the good material things we are receiving with the one who is teaching us what God wants us to know. (The Last Days Bible)

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6

VERSES 7-10

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)

[7] Make no mistake, God will not be mocked. What a person sows, that he will harvest as well. [8] The one who sows for his own flesh will harvest ruin from his flesh; while the one who sows for the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. [9] Let us do what is right without tiring of it, for at its proper time we shall reap if we do not give up. [10] So then, as opportunity offers, let us practice what is beneficial for everyone, but particularly toward the members of the family of faith. (Berkeley Version)

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

[7] Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside). [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap. [8] For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. [9]

And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint. **[10]** So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good [morally] to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual good and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers]. **(The Amplified Bible)**

⁷ Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters. **(New Living Translation)**

⁷ Do not be fooled: You cannot cheat God. People harvest only what they plant. ⁸ If they plant to satisfy their sinful selves, their sinful selves will bring them ruin. But if they plant to please the Spirit, they will receive eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ We must not become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time if we do not give up. ¹⁰ When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers. **(New Century Version)**

[7] Don't be fooled! You cannot mock God. A person harvests only the things which he plants. **[8]** If a person lives to satisfy his human nature, then his selfish ways will bring eternal death to him. But, if a person lives to please the Spirit, he will receive eternal life from the Spirit. **[9]** We must never become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must never give up! **[10]** Therefore, when we have the chance to do good to anybody, we should do it, but we should give special attention to those who are within the family of believers. **(The Simple English Bible)**

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

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6

VERSE 11

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

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

[11] Now, in these last sentences, I want to emphasize in the bold scrawls of my personal handwriting the immense importance of what I have written to you. **(The Message)**

Additional Information: "Some scholars believe the whole letter was written by Paul and that the big letters are a form of emphasis, similar to the modern practice of italicizing or underscoring" (UBS Handbook, p. 154).

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6
VERSES 12-14

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)

¹²Those 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴As 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 who are telling you that you must get circumcised are only concerned about what others will think. Their only reason for trying to compel you to be circumcised is so they won't be persecuted for preaching that the only way you can obtain God's forgiveness is by believing that Jesus suffered and died on the cross for you, as a sacrifice to God for your sins. **[13]** But not even those who insist on circumcision obey the rest of the Law. Still, they want you to be circumcised so they can brag that you are their converts. **[14]** May God help me never to brag about anything except about what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross. And because of Him, the things of the world have become of little importance to me, and those who love the world don't consider me to be of any importance either. **(The Last Days Bible)**

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6
VERSES 15-16

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)

¹⁵It 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. ¹⁶May God's mercy and peace be upon all those who live by this principle. They are the new people of God. **(New Living Translation)**

[15] For neither is circumcision [now] of any importance, nor uncircumcision, but [only] a new creation [the result of a new birth and a new nature in Christ Jesus, the Messiah]. **[16]** Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule [who discipline

themselves and regulate their lives by this principle], even upon the [true] Israel of God! [Ps. 125:5.] **(The Amplified New Testament)**

[15] Circumcision and uncircumcision don't mean anything. What really counts is the creation of a new nature. **[16]** May peace and mercy be given to all who follow this rule. May peace and mercy be given to the Israel that belongs to God. **(New International Reader's Version)**

[15] Being circumcised or not being circumcised has nothing to do with our being included in Christ's Kingdom. The only thing that does matter is that we become altogether new and different people than we were. **[16]** May God's peace and mercy rest upon all of you who believe and live according to this truth. May the same be true for all of God's true people everywhere. **(The Last Days Bible)**

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSES 17-18

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)

¹⁷From now on please don't argue with me about these things, for I carry on my body the scars of the whippings and wounds from Jesus' enemies that mark me as his slave. ¹⁸Dear brothers, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Sincerely, Paul **(The Living Bible)**

[17] From now on let no person trouble me [by making it necessary for me to vindicate my apostolic authority and the divine truth of my Gospel], for I bear on my body the [brand] marks of the Lord Jesus [the wounds, scars, and other outward evidence of persecutions – these testify to His ownership of me]! **[18]** The grace (spiritual favor, blessing) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah) be with your spirit, brethren. Amen (so be it). **(The Amplified New Testament)**

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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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