STUDYING THE BOOK OF GALATIANS IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 12 - Doing Good to All - Galatians 6:1-10

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Be Deeply Concerned for Others

6 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.

*Gal. 6:1 – "Restore that person." When a Christian appears to be losing interest in the things of the Lord, or is known to be indulging in sin, it is not enough merely to pray for that person. We are responsible before God, according to this Scripture, to go to that person, and talk to him and try to win him back to a vibrant life in the Lord.

²So share each others burdens of conquering the temptations that so harass us. By doing so, we are doing what Christ commanded us to do.*

*Gal. 6:2 - See John 13:34-35.

³Because anyone who thinks he's doing fine spiritually while he does little or nothing to help others, is only fooling himself.

⁴Each 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.

⁵Each of us will be held accountable for what we have done or have failed to do.

⁶Now 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.*

*Gal. 6:6 - See 1 Corinthians 9:11-14.

⁷Don't be fooled! You can't turn up your nose at God and insult Him by ignoring what He's telling you to do or not do, and get away with it. You will harvest exactly what you have sown.*

*Gal. 6:7 – "You will harvest exactly what you have sown." * The same principle can be applied to reaping blessed rewards. God is faithful to all His promises as well as to all His warnings.

⁸The person who sows to please the cravings of his lower nature, will from that sowing reap destruction. But the one who sows to the Spirit, will from God reap everlasting life.

⁹And let's not allow ourselves to grow weary of continuing to do what's good and right, because in due time we will definitely reap a most fulfilling, amazing, and wonderful harvest, if we don't get discouraged and give up.

¹⁰That's why we should use every opportunity we have to do good to everyone, and especially if they are followers of the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 154. What did Paul say about helping a Christian overtaken by sin? (6:1)
- 155. What warning about sin do strong Christians need to heed? (6:1)
- 156. How should Christians support each other? (6:2)
- 157. What is the law of Christ? $(\underline{6:2})$
- 158. What is the antidote to self-deception? $(\underline{6:3-4})$
- 159. How is carrying one's own load different from bearing the burdens of others? (6:5)
- 160. What is the responsibility of church members toward their teaching elders? (6:6)
- 161. How did Paul warn against a lack of financial support for the Christian workers in the Galatian churches? (6:7-8)
- 162. How did Paul encourage the Christians to endure in service? (6:9)
- 163. What did Paul say about a Christian's social responsibility? (6:10)
- 164. What responsibility do believers have toward each other? (6:10)

Lesson 13 - Not Circumcision but a New Creation - Galatians 6:11-18

Final Warnings

- ¹¹Notice how big the letters are when I write to you now with my own hand.
- 12Those 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.

13But 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.

¹⁴May 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.

¹⁵Being 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.*

*Gal. 6:15 – See 2 Corinthians 5:17. Every person who is truly born again, and thereby become a Christian, undergoes such a change in his views and feelings that it's proper to say of him that he is an altogether new person.

¹⁶May 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.

¹⁷I don't want to be troubled about this matter anymore. I bear in my body the scars from the beatings I have received because of my stand for the freedom we have from the Jewish Law through the Lord Jesus.

¹⁸My brothers and sisters, may the Lord Jesus Christ be especially gracious and big-hearted toward all of you. Indeed! So be it!

Most Sincerely, Paul

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 13 - Not Circumcision but a New Creation - Galatians 6:11-18

- 165. What kind of letters did Paul inscribe? (6:11)
- 166. Why did certain people want the Galatians circumcised? (6:12-13)
- 167. How did the legalists practice hypocrisy? (6:13)
- 168. Who was being hypocritical? How? (6:13)
- 169. What did the legalists boast about? (6:13)
- 170. What was Paul's only boast? (6:14)

- 171. How did Paul and the legalists view the cross of Christ differently? (6:14)
- 172. In terms of salvation, how significant were outward religious symbols? (6:14-15)
- 173. What was the only thing that mattered? $(\underline{6:14-15})$
- 174. What blessing did Paul pronounce on believing Galatians and on believing Jews? (6:16)
- 175. What did Paul want ended? $(\underline{6:17})$
- 176. How did Paul show that he belonged to Christ? (6:17)
- 177. How would you describe the tone of Paul's benediction to the Galatians? (6:18)

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