

April 29, 2012
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Galatians 6:6-10

“Do Good To All Men, Part Five”

- I. The Gospel of Grace Alone Through Faith Alone in the Finished Work of Christ Alone Defended (1:1-2:21)
- II. The Gospel of Grace Alone Through Faith Alone in the Finished Work of Christ Alone Explained (3:1-4:31)
- III. The Gospel of Grace Alone Through Faith Alone in the Finished Work of Christ Alone Applied (5:1-6:18)
 - A. Position of Liberty: Stand Fast (5:1-12)
 - B. Practice of Liberty: Love One Another (5:13-15)
 - C. Power for Liberty: Walk in the Spirit (5:16-26)
 - D. Performance in Liberty: Do Good to all Men (6:1-16)
 - 1. Bearing the Burden of Grace vs. Law (6:1-5)

2. Sowing & Reaping the Good Seed of Grace (6:6-10)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be “justified” by God? How do most “religious” people believe they are justified before God? According to the Bible how is one justified? What difference does it make in your life to know that you are justified before God?
2. Many commentators believe Gal. 6:6-10 is mostly talking about material things (i.e., if you have been blessed by people that have taught you spiritual things you should share good material things with them out of gratitude). The Bible clearly speaks about this in many other passages (Rom. 15:27; 1 Cor. 9:11, 14; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13). What are the practical ways one could do that?
3. Heard this humorous prayer for pastors, “Lord, You keep them humble and we will keep them poor.” Should a church be proud of how little they pay their pastors because they are “being good stewards”? [Note: this is NOT the practice at The Bridge!]
4. Here is another translation of Gal. 6:6 – “Now (but) the one who is being taught the Word, let him share (fellowship) with the one who teaches in all good things.” What other interpretations might there be for “all good things” if it’s not primarily referring to material (financial) things?
5. Paul then discusses sowing & reaping. If he is talking primarily about sowing material things (giving to the pastor/teacher) then what does he mean by v. 8? Why does he contrast “flesh” with “Spirit”? Does this have any connection to chapter 5:16ff? Why does he contrast “corruption” with “eternal life”? Any connection to chapter 5:16ff? Is the “doing good” in v. 9 still referring to giving money? If that is the case then what are they expecting to “reap” if they don’t grow weary?
6. Deeper study that will require a Bible Dictionary: Paul uses different words for “good” in v. 6-10 (Greek: agathos or kalos) and sometimes uses the definite article and sometimes he does not (v. 6 – agathos without article; v. 9 – kalos with definite article; v. 10 – agathos with definite article). Are these simply synonyms or did Paul have a reason for using different words?
7. What if Paul’s primary point is sharing in all the good things of the Gospel of grace as opposed to Legalism? Now how do you interpret v. 6-10? How would we share (fellowship, Greek: koinonia) in all good things? What fleshly things would be sown and what spiritual things would be sown in v. 7? What is the final result of sowing to the flesh or sowing to the Spirit in v. 8? What is “the good” (kalos) in v. 9 that we are not to grow weary of doing? What is the good (agathos) that we should work at every opportunity? Why especially toward people who already believe?
8. What is your responsibility with the Gospel of Grace? How deeply do you need to study it and fellowship in it? If you don’t sow grace what will you sow in your heart and mind? If people you know and love don’t understand grace what are they sowing in their hearts? What will they reap on the Day of Judgment?
9. Who do you know that needs help overcoming Legalism or License? What will you prayerfully do to help them overcome this problem and learn to walk by the Spirit and grow in God’s grace?