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Galatians 6

Galatians 6:1

Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness, each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well.

† Paul calls for restoration, not condemnation. The goal is healing in gentleness, not harshness.

† Spiritual believers must act humbly, mindful of their own

weakness.

† Clement of Rome (1 Clement 56) wrote about restoring those who stumble, in humility and not pride.

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

† True freedom in Christ is shown in service, bearing each other's load.

† The law of Christ is love, which replaces the old Law.

† Josephus (Antiquities 12.3.3) noted how the Jewish community bore one another's burdens during crisis, but Paul places this fully in Christ.

Galatians 6:3-4

For if anyone thinks that he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting, but to himself alone, and not to another.

† Pride deceives, humility grounds us.

† Self-examination keeps one from arrogance.

† Philo (On the Virtues 42) warned against self-deception through pride, aligning with Paul's call.

Galatians 6:5

For each one will bear his own load.

† Each believer is responsible before God for his own walk.

† Though burdens are shared, accountability remains personal.

Galatians 6:6

The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

† Mutual support between teacher and taught shows honor and thanksgiving.

† Early church leaders stressed material support for those ministering the word.

† Ignatius (Letter to the Smyrnaeans 12) spoke of supporting ministers with generosity.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

† Paul uses agricultural imagery, sowing and reaping is unavoidable.

† To live for the flesh is to reap corruption, but to live by the Spirit is life.

† Josephus (Wars 4.6.3) described Jerusalem reaping destruction for sowing rebellion, illustrating Paul's principle.

Galatians 6:9

Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.

† Perseverance in good is essential. Harvest comes in God's time.

† Eusebius (Ecclesiastical History 5.2) praised the early martyrs who persevered, reaping eternal reward.

Galatians 6:10

So then, while we have opportunity, let's do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

† Love must extend to all, but the family of faith has special priority.

† This builds unity and strengthens the body of Christ.

Galatians 6:11

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own

hand!

† Paul authenticates his letter, perhaps due to poor eyesight or emphasis.

† Some link this to his "thorn in the flesh" mentioned elsewhere.

Galatians 6:12-13

All who want to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they want to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

† False teachers promoted circumcision to avoid persecution.

† They sought glory in outward ritual while ignoring true obedience.

† Tertullian (Against Marcion 5.3) highlighted this as hypocrisy of the Judaizers.

Galatians 6:14

But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

† Paul boasts only in the cross, which separates him from the world.

† The cross is the true mark of the believer, not circumcision.

Galatians 6:15-16

For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And all who will follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

† In Christ, what matters is new creation, not ritual.

† The "Israel of God" is the church, Jew and Gentile together.

† Augustine (Against Faustus 12.31) identified the Israel of God

as believers in Christ, not physical Israel.

Galatians 6:17

From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

† Paul's scars from persecution are the true marks of Christ.

† These marks validate his apostleship above rituals.

Galatians 6:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

† Paul closes with grace, the very theme of Galatians.

† Grace triumphs over Law, and Christ alone sustains His people.

How it applies to us today

† Galatians 6 shows the believer's life is one of sowing to the Spirit, bearing fruit, and serving others.

† True marks of faith are not rituals but the cross of Christ seen in a transformed life.

† We are called to perseverance in doing good, especially within the household of faith.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, the Israel of God is the church, the new creation in Christ.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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