


GALATIANS

“THE LIBERTY WHEREWITH CHRIST HAS MADE US FREE”

LESSON SIX: Chapter 6:1-18

- 1) The Gospel of Grace DEFENDED (Chapters 1 and 2)
- 2) The Gospel of Grace EXPLAINED (Chapters 3 and 4)
- 3) The Gospel of Grace APPLIED (Chapters 5 and 6)



Paul concludes his instruction on a grace-filled lifestyle:

Part 3: The Gospel of Grace Applied

Chapter 6 begins with counsel on helping Christians who are stumbling in their walk.

Galatians 6:1

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Part 3: The Gospel of Grace Applied

It is not difficult to understand that this is the best approach.

1 Corinthians 4:21

²¹ What will ye?
shall I come unto you with a rod,
or in love,
and *in* the spirit of meekness?

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No one is immune to temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:12

¹² Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

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Our acts towards others should match HIS towards us, full of mercy and grace.

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

- ⁹ Two *are* better than one;
because they have a good reward
for their labour.
- ¹⁰ For if they fall, the one will lift up his
fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone
when he falleth; for *he hath* not
another to help him up.

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Our greatest burden is to fulfill the law of Christ. Be the donkey that brings Jesus to the people.

John 15:12

¹² This is my commandment,
That ye love one another,
as I have loved you.

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All of our incentives towards goodness comes from the Spirit of Christ within us. Other than that, “there is none that doeth good, no, not one” (Rom. 3:12).

Galatians 6:3

- 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.



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Where would any of us be if God had not opened our eyes with the gift of faith?

Romans 12:3

³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

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2 Corinthians 13:5a

⁵ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...

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Rejoice = a glorying or boasting.

“...and then shall he have glorying in himself alone, and not *by comparison with another.*”

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Our greatest burden – and the one we cannot share – is knowing that we will give account of ourselves to God.

Romans 14:10

¹⁰ But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

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2. to make one's self a sharer or partner.

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This is not a command; he is describing how things *should* be. As Jesus said, “freely ye have received, freely give” (Matt. 10:8).

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This was another category in which the Galatians were deceived, and in truth, mocking God. They claimed to be sowing to the Spirit but they were sowing to their own flesh.

Galatians 6:7-8

- 7 Be not deceived;
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that shall he also reap.
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God keeps account of how we respond to our obligations, and whether we are investing in his kingdom or our own.

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WHERE IS **YOUR** TREASURE?

Matthew 6:19-21

- ¹⁹ Lay not up for your selves **treasures upon earth**, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
- ²⁰ But lay up for your selves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- ²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



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Paul closes this section with an exhortation to steadfastness in good works, and especially within the church.

Galatians 6:9-10

- 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.



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Unlike other occasions, Paul did not dictate this letter to a secretary. Some suggest this was to demonstrate to the Galatians how fully invested he was in their recovery.

Galatians 6:11

¹¹ Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.



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But before he signed and sealed this letter, he extended his condemnation of the legalists by exposing their twisted motivation:

They promoted circumcision only to escape being persecuted themselves!

Galatians 6:12

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Furthermore, they had no regard for the countless aspects of the law they left undone. They found glory in the severed foreskins of all the Gentiles they compelled to be cut.

Galatians 6:13

¹³ For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, **that they may glory in your flesh.**



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Paul sought glory from a much higher source – even if that meant a life of persecution. He knew that without the cross, all that remains is dead.

Galatians 6:14

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.



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See how this fits with what is said earlier:

Galatians 5:6

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Blessed are the children of the promise –
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of Jerusalem which is above.

Galatians 6:16

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to
this rule,
peace *be* on them, and mercy,
and upon the Israel of God.



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Knowing that some would refused his correction, Paul did as Christ instructed and “shook off the dust under his feet for a testimony against them” (Mk 6:11).

Galatians 6:17

¹⁷ From henceforth let no man trouble me:
for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.



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He would entertain no more arguments about the requirements of the law, or the authenticity of his ministry and message.

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The scars he bore for Christ's sake spoke for themselves.

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