

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JULY 12, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Matt O'Sullivan, Youth Director

***Call to Worship - Psalm 126**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - Goodness of God**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - 1 Corinthians 15:35-49**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Comfort - Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Cameron Barham

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Fruit of the Spirit in Practice Galatians 6:1-10

***Song of Response - Thy Mercy My God**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Galatians 6:14-18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN PRACTICE”

GALATIANS 6:1-10

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: The change in our character as evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit should result in tangible changes in our actions toward others for their restoration and edification in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: *What do your present actions reflect about the character that you've previously cultivated?*

“In 6:1-10 Paul gives a series of instructions that spell out in practical terms what it means for his Galatian converts to “live by the Spirit” (5:16, 25a), to “be led by the Spirit” (5:18), and so to “keep in step with the Spirit” (5:25b).”

Richard N. Longnecker, *Galatians*

Galatians 6:1-5: The Bearing of Burdens and the Law of Christ in Love:

“And above all the bearing of another's burden harmonizes in every respect with what Christ by word and deed taught His own. In this real love becomes manifest, the fulfillment of the whole law (cf. 5:14).”

Herman N. Ridderbos, *The Epistle of Paul to the Churches of Galatia*

Q: *How do you view those who've been exposed and caught in sin? More importantly, what do you think your responsibility is toward them now that you know?*

Galatians 6:6-10: Sowing to the Spirit and the Call to Not Grow Weary in Doing Good:

“It matters not where people come from: ours is a simple task—love everyone. We manifest the righteousness of the new creation in the midst of the darkness of the present evil age. These good works are not ostentatious or flashy but are everyday and ordinary, even though in reality they are glorious beams of light from the heavenly throne of Christ.”

J.V. Fesko, *Galatians*

Q: *What have you been sowing during the present cultural upheavals and conversations? What do you hope to reap from what you've sown?*

Application:

Galatians 6:1-10 teaches us that our change in character as evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit should result in tangible changes in our actions:

- towards those who are caught in sin as we once were and could easily be again
- in what we sow and hope to reap in accord with either the Spirit or the flesh

Benediction: Galatians 6:14-18