

Galatians

Lesson 6: Galatians 6

Have you ever had to gently confront a brother or sister in Christ who was living in sin? Has anyone ever gently confronted you about sin in your life? As Paul closes his letter to the Galatians, he begins by giving the churches practical advice about correcting a Christian brother or sister and guarding their personal lives against sin. He knows God desires His church to be pure. The way this happens is by encouraging one another to live a holy life and keeping out false teachers. At the end of chapter 6, Paul gave no personal greetings or commendations as he did in most of his other letters. Instead, he comes full circle and goes after the Judaizers again for teaching a man-made gospel of salvation by works. Let's dive in and see what God's Word says about being a pure, spirit-led church.

➤ **Read Galatians 6:1–5**

1. In verse 1, Paul encourages believers to “restore” a sinning Christian? Who specifically does Paul encourage to approach the sinning Christian?
2. Read Matthew 18:15–20. What are the four steps Jesus gives for church discipline?
 1. _____ (v. 15)
 2. _____ (v. 16)
 3. _____ (v. 17a)
 4. _____ (v. 17b)
3. How is the “spiritual” believer supposed to “restore” the sinning believer?
4. Was is Paul’s command in verse 2?
5. In verse 2, what is “the law of Christ”? (Hint: see 5:14)
6. Is the person in verse 3 the right person to “restore” a sinning believer or “bear another’s burdens”? Explain.

7. In verse 4, is Paul telling believers to boast in themselves? How can someone “boast in regard to himself”?
8. In verse 5, what is each person ultimately responsible for?

Application: God commands us to edify and encourage each other in living holy lives. Why are Christians afraid to confront other believers who are walking in sin?

➤ **Read Galatians 6:6–10**

9. In verse 6, what is the responsibility of the one “who is taught the word”?
10. In verses 7–8, Paul talks about sowing and reaping. How would you explain the law of sowing and reaping to a child?
11. When a person sows to the Spirit, what will they reap (see 5:22–23)?
12. What are other ways to say, “sows to the Spirit”? (see 5:16, 18, 25)
13. Read John 13:35. In verse 10, who are we to show our primary love to? Why?

Application: Since becoming a believer, what evidence have you seen in your life from sowing to the Spirit?

➤ **Read Galatians 6:11–18**

14. In verse 11, Paul says, “I am writing to you with my own hand.” Why is this important for the Galatian churches to know?

15. According to verse 12, what was the motivation of the Judaizers?

Application: What are ways Christians are tempted to fit in with the culture instead of stand for the truth of the gospel?

16. According to verse 13, “boast in your flesh” means to brag about winning over converts. Who would the Judaizers brag against?

Application: The argumentation theory known as *argumentum ad populum* says “if many believe it is so, it is so.” What does God’s Word tell you about this argument?

17. In verse 14, what does Paul “boast” in? How does this counter the belief of the Judaizers?

18. According to verse 15, what matters most to Paul?

19. In verse 16, “this rule” is the preeminence of the new creation in verse 15. What is Paul’s prayer for those who “walk” as a new creation?

20. Read Acts 14:19–20. What were “the brand-marks of Jesus” that Paul referred to in Galatians 6:17?

Application: What one verse impacted you the most in this study? Explain.

Application: What new things have you learned in this study of Galatians?