

Galatians – Lesson 43

Galatians 6:6-10

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Introduction/Review

- Nearing the end of his letter, Paul fires off a final series of pointed exhortations
- Interestingly, many of these thoughts seem to represent the seeds of doctrine to be expounded in later epistles
- Having just warned against conceit while bearing one another's burdens and examining our own work, Paul turns to the metaphor of planting and harvesting in the context of our works

Share all good things with the one who teaches (Gal. 6:6)

- A parenthetical thought?
 - Just after talking about testing one's own work
 - Right before talking about reaping what we sow
- "One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches" (6:6)
 - In 1 Cor 9:4-18, Paul provides a full discussion of this topic. See esp. vs. 11:
"If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?"
 - It was appropriate to compensate the Apostles for their full-time ministerial work
- "...All good things..." (6:6)
 - This verse does not only concern financial compensation
 - What are some ways we can share "all good things" with those who teach?

You reap what you sow! (Gal. 6:7-10)

- "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked" (6:7a)
 - God cannot be made a fool, or outwitted. He knows the heart and its motives, as in Jer. 17:10:
"I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."
 - But we need the context of verse 8 to understand the connection

- “The one who sows to his flesh will... reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will... reap eternal life” (6:8)
 - Works that are temporal versus those that are eternal. Reminiscent of 1 Cor. 3:5-15, in which we read in verses 11-13:
“For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.”
 - Parable of the Weeds: Matt. 13:24-30

Greek for “weed” is *zizanian* = a kind of darnel, a poisonous weed that uncannily resembles wheat until the grains are fully mature
 - So, what does this say about sowing to the flesh vs. the Spirit?
- “Let us not grow weary in doing good... especially to those who are of the household of faith” (6:9-10)
 - What causes us to grow weary in doing good?
 - How do we keep from growing weary?
 - What does it mean to ‘do good to all people’?
 - The “household” or “family” of faith

Next time, we’ll consider Paul’s conclusion to the letter