

BEHAVIOR OF A BELIEVER (continued) Galatians 6:1-18

Introduction

In the previous lesson, we learned that Jesus Christ has provided every believer liberty from legalism, but he is not to use his liberty to satisfy his lusts. The Spirit will give him the power so that he can have victory over the lusts of the flesh (5:16). He is to use his liberty to serve others with love (5:1, 13). Galatians 6 expands the concept of Christians serving others out of a sincere heart of love (6:1-10). "As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (6:10). It goes on to teach, by Paul's example, that a Christian should live a life totally loyal to Christ (6:11-18). "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" (6:14).

Aim of the Lesson

Challenge the believer to show love to others and to be loyal to Jesus Christ.

Outline of the Lesson (Use the Study Notes to develop the lesson outline as the Spirit leads you.)

A Love for Others (6:1-10)

1. Restore a Fallen Brother (6:1)

How did Nathan restore David? (2 Sam 12:1-14) (1) Sent by God (2) Told David a story (3) Told him God's goodness (4) Told him God's command (5) Told him the consequences (6) Heard David's confession

How does a believer restore a brother who falls into sin? (1) Reveal God's Word pertaining to his sin (2) Reprove his sin by God's Word (3) Request his repentance (4) Require his commitment to stop this sin (5) Restore him to fellowship with the believers

2. Relieve a Burdened Brother (6:2-5)

What attitude must a believer have when he helps a brother carry his heavy load? Humility
How does this ministry relate to the judgment seat of Christ? (2 Cor 5:10) We will be rewarded by the good deeds that we have done. Helping a brother is a very good deed.

3. Remunerate a Teaching Brother (6:6-9)

How would you relate 6:7-9 to 6:6? We will reap according to the way that we treat our pastor

4. Refresh a Christian Brother (6:10)

How would you relate 6:7-9 to 6:10? When we do good to Christian brothers, we will reap in like manner

We should love to others in definite ways. "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

B. Loyalty to Christ (6:11-18)

Believers would do well to follow the example of Paul's loyalty to Christ. Four of his rules are given in these verses; they are worthy of following.

1. Remove all doubts about yourself and your message (6:11).

Why did Paul write with large letters at the end of this epistle? To prove he wrote the letter

2. Reject the doctrines of false teachers (6:12-13).

Why did the legalists want Gentiles to be circumcised? (6:13) (1) To glory in the number of their converts (2) To escape the persecution of unsaved Jews

3. Rejoice in the cross of Christ (6:14-16)

Why did Paul glory in the cross of Christ? Christ's death is the only answer to man's problem of sin.

4. Respect the marks received from persecution for Christ (6:17-18))

How did Paul receive the marks in his body? By serving the Lord Jesus (2 Cor 6:4-10; 11:23-30)

We must be openly loyal to Jesus Christ so all men can see our love for Him.

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