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Galatians Chapter 6

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Overall Understanding

Galatians 6¹

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

One of Paul's patterns in his letters is to first instruct in doctrine, sometimes correcting false doctrine. Paul has used most of the letter thus far to correct. In this letter, he continues the correction. This is significant. It is a stern tone even though his love for the Galatians is evident.

"You who are spiritual" is referring to those who understand what Paul has just written. Those who need the correction are combining law with faith. He addresses those who know better and asks them to correct the erring ones, not just the trespass of preaching another gospel, but "any" trespass.

Correction is to be made gently considering that we or could be deceived by law.

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² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Finally, some instruction about behavior—notice behavior toward each other. Jesus commanded us to love each other sacrificially.

Sometimes we are over-our-heads in life and we need help. The body of Christ is to provide both spiritual and practical support. We should not judge our brothers in need, even if they are partially to blame for their situation. We are to examine our own work and not another's.

⁵ For each one shall bear his own load.

It seems the opposite of what he just said. He told them to bear each other's burdens but then said each person should bear his own load. This has to do with someone thinking that a brother MUST help them. We are to bear our own responsibilities, that is our part. We are also able to help others if we are able. But help is not something we are entitled to. Giving is always voluntary.

⁶ Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

"The word" isn't referring to the Bible. "The word" is most commonly used in the New Testament to refer to the gospel—the true gospel Paul has been telling them to teach and not another. Share with the teachers who share THE gospel.

Sharing means "to share with others (objectively or subjectively): - communicate, distribute, be partaker." It can be financial but also appears to involve fellowship and collaboration. Help the teacher bear his load.

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

This passage is often used to condemn believers into giving. Then why does Paul say, "He who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption"? Sowing to the flesh in light of all Paul has written likely refers to depending on the law to make one righteous. That brings death. Sowing to the Spirit—walking in faith in Christ brings everlasting life. Giving money doesn't bring everlasting life. Doing what is right doesn't reap everlasting life. Only faith in the grace of God brings everlasting life. "He who BELIEVES in Him will not perish but have EVERLASTING life.

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

"Doing good" includes believing and ministering to the needs of the body of Christ. For these things, we will reap rewards both now on earth and when He returns.

¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The law says to love our neighbor as our selves. Jesus said to love EACH OTHER as He loved us. So, yes, love your neighbor by doing good for him/her, but ESPECIALLY do good to those who have faith in Jesus.

¹¹ See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

Those who think this means Paul suffered from an eye disease will interpret this to mean that Paul needed someone else to write for him and he could only see well enough to sign the document. But this is not indicated. He

could just have well be using bigger letters to emphasize the importance of his words.

¹² As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

Notice, Paul is back to warning and teaching them. The people who were telling them that they should be circumcised were only doing it to display them as their captive.

Much of the persecution Paul suffered was due to teaching that the law of Moses was no longer our tutor. (See Acts 21.)

¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Paul is revving up as he is winding down.

God forbid that I should boast...he is referring to boasting about the Galatians being his followers. He boasted instead in the Lord. He wasn't seeking them as a trophy as the false teachers were wanting to do. He was seeking Jesus.

He said in Galatians 2:20 that he had been crucified with Christ, and he is repeating it again for emphasis. Jesus loved him and gave His life for Him.

Here this Galatians and listen, Church of the Living God! Keep the law avails you NOTHING. We are new creations by faith alone in Jesus.

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

Those who abide by his teachings are wished peace.

He wished those who taught otherwise to be accursed.

¹⁷ From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

He emphasizes again that he was persecuted for teaching the one true gospel. Look at my beaten and scared body. It proves it.

Don't bother me about this.

¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit.
Amen

Be addresses the Galatians as "brethren" which means even those whom he was rebuking were believers—believers who were being taught falsely.

Grace—the unmerited favor of God, be upon you.

Amen, so be it.

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