

Home Group Notes 10

Galatians 6:1-18 Way to go

Introduction

Paul finishes with encouragements as to how the fruit of the Spirit work in practice and then one final flourish of his well-rehearsed main theme.

1. **Read vv.1-10** Identify the various relationships Paul has in view.
2. Describe how you might feel if you were 'caught in sin' (v1) What guidelines does Paul offer for dealing with such a person and why is each guideline important?
3. What type of burdens might Paul have in mind (2)?
4. The sins or burdens of others lead us to feel superior. How can proper self-examination correct this attitude?
5. Why should Christians support their teachers of the word in all things? What good comes of it?
6. God sees everything and will make sure we reap what we sow. How do you sow well for yourself, for others, and particularly other Christians? When might it become obvious?
7. Are you impressed with Paul's persistence in addressing the big issue? In your household, are there any important messages which you find yourself repeating over and over again?
8. **Read vv.11-18** What do 12-13 reveal about the motives of Paul's opponents?

9. The approval of others was most important to Paul's opponents (12) In what situations are you tempted to hide your Christianity in order to 'make a good impression outwardly'?
10. F.F. Bruce writes 'It is difficult, after 16 centuries and more during which the cross has been a sacred symbol, to realise the unspeakable horror and loathing which the very mention or thought of the cross provoked in Paul's day'. Yet in spite of this, the cross was Paul's ground for boasting (14). What does it mean to boast in the cross? How does it differ from the boasting of Paul's opponents?
11. How will boasting in the cross affect our desire for the world's approval (14)? How will it affect the world's attitude toward us?
12. Why does the new creation have value in contrast to the worthlessness of circumcision or uncircumcision(15)?
13. Paul bore on his body the marks of Jesus (evidence of faithful service). What might he have been referring to? []Christian tattoos []scars from whips and shackles []worry lines []a good beard []stripey sunburned feet due to wearing sandals
14. How has this passage helped to purify your motives and goals in life?

Prayer Points

Thank God for showing us what matters most in life
Pray not to be put off by the repeating of important truths
Pray for our witness this Christmas season
Thank God for Gary Ion as looks to return to Uganda