

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 109--Galatians 6

Introduction: In this chapter Paul shows the Galatians how walking by the spirit affects their relationship with other Christians and with all men. In chapter five the principle of loving service is introduced with its attending fruits of the Spirit. In chapter exhortations are given that put these principles into practice.

Lesson aim: To show how a Christian is to render service to all, especially unto them of the household of the faith.

Paul exhorts the Galatians to loving service--Gal. 6:1-10

1. What is the Christian to do if a brother is overtaken in a trespass? (v. 1) With what attitude is this to be done?
2. What are Christians to bear? (v. 2) What law will they then fulfill?
3. What does Paul say about the man who thinks he is something but is nothing? (v. 3-5) Are we something because of what others do for us or what we do for others? Can we expect others to do our "burden bearing" for us or can we take credit for the good works of another?
4. When a Christian hears the word taught what will he do? (v. 6) Does this mean financial support or the fellowship of obedience in general?
5. With what principle does Paul urge each to consider his deeds? (v. 7) Describe the two kinds of "soils" to which we may sow and the two harvests that result (v. 8).
6. What warning does Paul issue about doing good? (v. 9) What assurance does he give the Galatians?
7. How does Paul summarize the Christian's duty to others? (v. 10) Unto whom should we do good? Would you say that the whole tenor of this passage has been to discuss collective church action or individual action?

Paul discusses the only basis for the Christian's boasting--Gal. 6:11-16

1. What observation does Paul make about his handwriting? (v. 11)
2. What did Paul say was the motivation behind the Judaizers efforts to get the Galatians to keep the Law (particularly, be circumcised)? (v. 12)
3. Did those who urged the Galatians to be circumcised keep the Law themselves? (v. 13) Did they want to boast about what others were doing?
4. In what did Paul say he would only boast? (v. 14) What did Paul say the cross had done for him?
5. What did Paul say did not matter? (v. 15) What really does matter?
6. What blessings did Paul pronounce upon those who walk by this rule? (v. 16) In what other way did he describe these people?

Paul's closing exhortation and greeting--Gal. 6:17-18

1. What final warning or exhortation did Paul give? (v. 17) What did Paul have on his body? To what, do you think, was he referring? For what purpose do you think he would mention this?
2. What is Paul's final benediction? (v. 18)