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Galatians 6

- Paul talks about the law of Christ. That is to carry the burden of others.
- Look at the language of this chapter.
 - You cannot escape the main idea of the Kingdom.

Christianity is not about just what happens in these walls.

- Spiritual people restore
- Bear one another's burdens
- Sow and reap
- Don't grow weary/Don't lose heart
- Do good
- Boast in the cross
- Think of it this way:
 - 'More miracles took place outside the temple than inside'
 - 'We must be more excited about being the church than about coming to church'
 - 'The faith of the church is for the fears of this world'
 - 'God isn't intimidated by darkness, He does his greatest work in darkness'
 - 'God isn't wondering what to do about the condition of this world. He has us'
 - 'We are God's plan. He doesn't have another plan.'
 - 'The question before us is simple. Are we in the Spirit or are we in the flesh'
 - o 'The Holy Spirit is our greatest relationship on this earth.'

Two simple applications from Chapter 6:

1. Sowing and Reaping – vs. 7

• That's what life is all about.

Giving not taking. Planting not uprooting.

- $\circ\quad$ If you will sow in tears you will reap in joy.
 - When is the last time you cried for someone?
- o If you will sow in selfishness you will reap in loneliness.

- When is the last time you shared your faith?
- If you will sow in love you will reap in relationships.
- When is the last time you served someone?
 When we begin to understand the freedom that is ours in Christ, we begin to lose the fear of living to make a difference in people's lives.

2. Courage and the cross – vs. 11-14

- Our cause has to be bigger than our because. There are no excuses!
- We need the power of the Holy Spirit if we are going to fulfill the mission of the church. This whole chapter is about the question of Flesh versus Spirit.
- We have to give God a chance. And that happens when we have a relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- Identify your sphere of influence.

Have you turned your world upside down?

 Look at the disciples in Acts 17. We all have a sphere of influence appointed to us by God. The place where we live. Our home, our work, our school, our team, and in our community.

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit is the difference between freedom and fear. And our relationship with the Holy Spirit is the key to our witness. When you look at all of the people throughout history who impacted their world for Christianity, it is undeniable that their relationship with the Holy Spirit was the key to them being a revolutionary force in their generation.