

L17: Galatians 6:7-18: Be Ye Not Weary in Well Doing

Introduction:

- Faith which worketh by love
- By love serve one another
- Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself
- If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit
- Bear ye one another's burdens - so fulfill the law of Christ
- Every man shall bear his own burden (judgment seat of Christ)

Preview:

- God is not mocked
 - Sow to flesh - reap corruption
 - Sow to Spirit - reap life everlasting
- Sow to the Spirit
 - Not be weary in well doing
- Do good
 - Unto all men
 - Especially the household of faith
- The law of Christ unto persecution
- Not circumcision, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature

Sermon:

(Galatians 6:7) Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

- **"Be not deceived"**
 - **"deceive"** - to mislead the mind; to cause to err; to cause to believe what is false
 - 1 Cor. 6:9 - "know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters...."
 - 1 Cor. 15:33 - "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."
- **"God is not mocked"**
 - Be not deceived about God

- **"mocked"** - ridicule; false, counterfeit; imitating, but not real
 - Gal. 6:12 - "fair shew in the flesh"
 - 1 Cor. 3:13 - "every man's work shall be made **manifest**"
 - Manifest either the sort of flesh or the sort of the Spirit
 - 2 Cor. 5:10 - "For we must all **appear** before the judgment seat of Christ"
 - Col. 2:23 - "Which things have indeed a **shew** of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh."
 - The same issue of God being justified in His sayings will be true of Christ being justified at His judgment seat.
 - Rom. 3:4 - "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, that thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and **mightest overcome** when thou art judged."
 - God will not be fooled
 - God/Christ shall judge the heart
 - Romans 8:27 - "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit..."
- **"is not"** - not simply will not, but "is not"
- "for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
 - "for" - further explanation and amplification
 - The principle of "sowing and reaping"
 - A seed planted into the ground that bears a particular kind of fruit
 - A basic fundamental process
 - Our first sowing to the Spirit is when we believe the gospel
 - Our bodies that are sown for us by Adam, when sown to the Spirit by believing the gospel will be raised from the dead, and reap the body that is like Christ's.
 - Death and judgment is sown for us by Adam, when we sow to the Spirit by believing the gospel we will have eternal life and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
 - "if we live in the Spirit"
 - "let us also walk in the Spirit" - let us sow to the Spirit and continue doing so
 - Now this statement doesn't in itself produce any kind of godly fear regarding God not being mocked - it is the next verse

(Galatians 6:8) For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

- **"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption;"**

- **"for"** - further explanation and amplification
- **"he that soweth to his flesh"**
 - **Sowing is a labor**
 - **Sow the right seed - "to the Spirit" - to produce the fruit of the Spirit**
 - Lev. 19:19 - "...thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed..."
 - Deut. 22:9 - "thou shalt now sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled."

- **Sow the right seed on the right ground**

- Matt. 13:3-8

Way side	Fowls devour	When not understood the wicked one catches away that which is sown in his heart
Stony place	Not much earth/sun they were scorched/no root/withered away	Heareth the word with joy receive it/not root in himself/endures for a bit/when tribulation or persecution arise they get offended
Thorns	Thorns sprung up/choked	Heareth the word/care of this world/deceitfulness of riches/choke the word/ and become unfruitful
Good	Brought forth fruit/100,60,30	Heareth the word/understand it/bear fruit/bring forth 100, 60, 30

- In this context it isn't discussing whether one is laboring - this isn't getting the Galatians to "work" or "labor", but what are they "sowing to"
- The direction of your sowing, what is it "after", what is it "in"
 - Sowing to the flesh and sowing to the Spirit are "against" each other (Gal. 5:17)

- **"shall of the flesh reap corruption;"**

- The result of the flesh is corruption
- decay, ruin
 - Col. 2:22 - "which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?"
 - Fruit unto holiness
 - That which is clean or not clean
 - That which is sanctified or not
 - That which is separate or not
 - That which is set apart or not
 - That which is of God or is of man

□ Luke 5:1-10

- "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."
 - "astonished"
 - "fear not"
- What Peter realized through this is to be the same response profoundly understood when confronted with Jesus, the Son of God on the Cross, for the reason of being made sin for us. Why? God is holy, we are sinful, Christ is the means to draw
- We have something much more impactful and essential, that is, evidently Christ crucified.
- It is where the fear and the fear not meet and everlasting astonishment.

□ That sown of the flesh will depart from God

• **"but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."**

- **"but"** - adverse conjunction
 - The labor is still a factor
 - But the labor is after the Spirit
 - And the result different - "life everlasting"
 - Romans 6:22-23
- 2 Timothy 2:6 - "The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits."

(Galatians 6:9) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

- **First the sow and reap principle**
 - **The tendency for "weariness"**
 - **One of the factors with the Galatians**
 - **Don't be "weary" for there is a reaping coming**
- **"And let us not be weary in well doing:"**
 - "well" - good, meet, better, honest things, worthy
 - 2 The. 3:13
- **"for in due season we shall reap"**
 - The season of reaping of the Spirit isn't this life, but the life to come
- **"if we faint not."**
 - We are to endure and not faint, not be weary to fainting, to giving in, to giving up
 - 2 Cor. 4:15-18

- Col. 1:21-23
- 2 Tim. 2:7-15, 4:7-8

(Galatians 6:10) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

- Whom our opportunity is unto
- **"As we therefore"** - conclusion
- **"opportunity"** - fit or convenient time; a time favorable for the purpose; suitable time combined with other favorable circumstances
 1. **"let us do good unto all men"**
 - Set up for success seeing we therefore have much opportunity
 2. **"especially unto them who are of the household of faith."**
 - One reason to be engaged and fellowship with the household of faith
 - Not the household of flesh

(Galatians 6:11) Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

(Galatians 6:12) As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

- The weariness concept
- Gal. 5:10-12 - the real trouble

(Galatians 6:13) For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

- It isn't a matter of keeping the law, but that they may glory in your flesh

(Galatians 6:14) But 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.

- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- 1 Corinthians 9:16-19
 - Galatians the suffering element of it
 - Philippians 1:29-30, 3:8-12
 - Colossians 1:24-29
 - 2 Timothy 2:7-13
- Galatians 6:17

(Galatians 6:15) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

- Circumcision avails nothing, nor uncircumcision
- Christ, a new creature, suffering for it avails

(Galatians 6:16) And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

- Walk according to the rule that in Christ circumcision and uncircumcision don't avail, but a new creature
 - Results peace and mercy
- The distinct reference to "the Israel of God"

(Galatians 6:17) From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

(Galatians 6:18) Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

- Growth and development of not allowing any to trouble him
- The bearing of the marks of the Lord Jesus an honor to Paul
- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ - not the law of Moses, or the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees
 - "be with your spirit." - think about these things

Conclusion: