

- I) V6 Let him **who is taught** the word **share** in all good things with him who teaches
Paul is about to conclude his letter to the Galatians
AS WE'VE SEEN
- II) Throughout the letter Paul has been warning the church about **false teachers**
He has made it clear that they **were to be avoided** because they taught **error**
SUMMARIZE
- III) As we've gone through this book, we have seen what Paul has written of them
Gal 1:7-9 They preach a **false gospel**, and should be eternally condemned for it
2:4 Paul called them **false brethren**, who infiltrated to bring them into bondage
2:5 He said they were intentionally undermining his authority over the churches
2:21 Paul said they were replacing the grace of God with the Law of Moses
3:1 He made it clear that their teachings undermined **the cross of Christ**
4:17 Their teachings, if followed, would divide them from Paul
5:1 The fruit of following their teaching was bondage to the law of Moses
HE WENT ON TO SAY
- IV) 5:7 Instead of encouraging them to obedience, they encouraged disobedience
5:10 They would be severely judged for what they have been doing
5:13 They were called to liberty in Jesus, not for the flesh, but unto serving others
FINALLY
- V) 5:14 The law of Moses was fulfilled in one word: love one another
Rules and regulations did not produce love but in fact created conflict
The flesh cannot be conquered by outside effort alone, but need inner power
- VI) 5:22-24 This **power** comes from the Spirit of God, and results from dying to self
5:25 The solution: live and walk in the Spirit
HE NOW GIVES A PRACTICAL WAY OF EASING BURDENS
- VII) He encourages the churches of Galatia to **honor** and **care** for their true teachers
The false teachers were using them (V12), but **true teachers** were caring for them
PAUL NOW SPEAKS OF TRUE TEACHERS
- VIII) V6 Let him **who is taught the word** share in all good things **with him who teaches**
- IX) In our last study, Paul had commanded them to bear one another's burdens (V2)
Bearing speaks of having compassion for others, helping in their weakness
To properly help a fellow believer would require that we love them
- X) Teachers are needed to help us to learn how to love and care for others
We all **can** love, but we also need to learn **what it is** and **how to** love

- I) This is what Jesus commanded us to love **and taught us** what love is
Jn 15:12-13 This is My commandment, that you love one another **as I have loved you**. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends
- II) Jesus showed us how to love by healing, delivering, seeking the lost, and forgiving
On one occasion Jesus was invited to eat at Matthew the tax collector's house
Mt 9:10-13 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners? On hearing this, Jesus said, It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
KEEPING THIS IN MIND
- III) Paul just commanded the church **to restore** the ones who have fallen into sin
This is where **teachers of God's word** enter in
WHAT DO THEY DO
- IV) They share what Jesus taught, and are examples of how it is done
Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and **imitate their faith**.
- V) The church has been called an **organized organism**
God designed the church to be **spiritually led** and **fed** by pastors and teachers
Eph 4:11-12 **It was He who gave** some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors **and teachers**, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
WITH THIS IN MIND
- VI) The ministry of teaching in the church is primarily by pastors and elders
It is also performed by those who are **gifted to teach**, not only pastors and elders
This makes room for various teachers including small groups, kids ministry
THE KEY IS
- VII) It isn't something you take upon yourself because you like to talk
It is something that you do because you are gifted by the Spirit to do so
Ro 12:7 If **your gift** is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well
- VIII) The requirement to teach is that the word is correctly taught
2 Ti 2:15 Make every effort to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman who accurately handles the word of truth.

- I) The key to being a good teacher is what impression is left with the listeners
If you walk away wishing you could be like them, that is the wrong message
The key is walking away desiring **more of Jesus**
- II) As the people are taught, they reveal their spiritual maturity by financial support
This is what Paul is teaching the churches
- III) V6 The ones who are being taught are to share in all good things with the teacher
This was to relieve him from the need to provide for his own livelihood
- IV) This gave him opportunity to continue caring for the people, and studying the word
1 Co 9:13-14 Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?
In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living **from the gospel.**
- V) This support demonstrates the fruit of the Spirit, and love for the teacher
If you are receiving teaching and growing, the response is to support the work
1 Ti 5:17-18 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well **are worthy of double honor**, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages
- VI) This act of obedience reveals spiritual maturity as well as the fruit of love
Keep the pastor poor so you can keep the pastor humble!
- VII) V7 Do not be deceived God is not mocked for whatever a man sows that he will
These verses give application to what he had just written
ONE COMMENTATOR POINTS OUT
- VIII) Paul would be saying they should **not pretend that** they are being generous
This may be something that others are fooled by, but God is not fooled
You may deceive others by false generosity, but be careful not to deceive yourself
- IX) God is not mocked because God is aware of your heart
He searches the hearts and knows the thoughts of men
Jer 17:10 **I the Lord** search the heart; I examine the mind to reward a man according to his way, by what his deeds deserve

- I) He is saying that God knows that their heart is not to see the ministry succeed
Even if they are saying they want people to be reached, in fact they do not
This is revealed by their lack of support of the ministry
- II) V8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption but he who sows
The one who pleases his flesh only reaps sorrow and woe in this life
- III) You will only reap what you have sown
You are not rewarded for works of the flesh but forfeit what you could have had
Generosity is richly rewarded
2 Co 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and
whoever sows generously will also reap generously
- IV) A second application is bad doctrine will always result in a corrupt life
Deception will always bring bondage as well as a fruitless, bitter life
- V) By supporting false teachings (Judaizers), you are in fact becoming unfruitful
They are taking advantage of you, and you are receiving the results of this
They make merchandise of you and you suffer
- VI) The result of following bad doctrine will always result in unfruitful lives
Sowing to the flesh will always result in corruption
- VII) Christians who sow to the flesh will reap the results here and lose rewards there
- VIII) Because of this, be careful that you labor for **everlasting life**
2 Jn 1:8 Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve.
Be diligent so that you receive **your full reward**.
WHAT IS THE KEY?
- IX) V9 And let us not grow weary while doing good
Persevere: Hang in there, with Jesus and keep serving Him faithfully
1 Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in
the Lord.
- X) When we serve the Lord we may grow weary serving Him and His people
In many ways, **doing good** is work and we get tired when we work

I) **Worship teams, ushers, cleaning, café, greeters, parking lot, children's ministry, missions, breakfasts, conferences and evangelizing can be tiring**

II) **The bible speaks of these kinds of things as being work and labor**

1 Th 1:3 (he remembered) without ceasing your work (ergon) of faith, labor (toil that produces fatigue) of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father

III) **This is something we have been **saved to do** because we are at the Lord's command**

1 Co 7:22 He who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave.

IV) **The amazing thing is the Lord rewards us for being His faithful servants**

Col 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

V) **Sometimes it seems that what we are doing is not producing much or any fruit**

This is why it is good when we are encouraged to stay strong when exhausted
Is 40:30-31 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint

VI) **Because of this, scripture exhorts us to hold fast to Him as we serve Him**

This exhortation is repeated often

2 Th 3:13 But you, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

KEEPING THIS IN MIND

VIII) **V10 As we have opportunity let us do good to all especially to those who are**

The love for people, and our fellow believers, gives tremendous testimony

IX) **The season for reaping the harvest is not that too far distant**

Hold on, and continue serving faithfully, expecting to reap the reward

Jas 5:7-8 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

PAUL NOW CLOSES

- I) V11 See with what large letters I have written to you **with my own hand**
This establishes the authenticity of his letter: (2 Th 3:17; 1 Co 16:21; Col 4:18)
- II) He did this because false teachers were circulating forged letters
We see an example of this in 2 Th
2 Th 2:1-2 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or **letter supposed to have come from us**, saying that the day of the Lord has already come.
- III) This was something that he had to correct
- IV) V12 Many desire to make a good showing **in the flesh** these try to compel you to be
He is concluding his exposure of the false teachers the churches of Galatia
- V) He exposes their motives: they desire to make **a good showing in the flesh**
As false teachers, their goal is to capture them in order to avoid the cross of Jesus
- VI) They are trying to avoid the cost of the cross, being unwilling to suffer for Jesus
They were not willing to pay the price for following Jesus
- VII) Paul had made it clear that he did not preach to please men
He made it clear that proclaiming Christ crucified exacted a price
- VIII) He was not preaching a cross**ssless** Christ or a **costless** life
If he were, he would have avoided preaching the message of the cross
Gal 1:10 Do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ!
- IX) V13 The false teachers avoided the true message so they could avoid persecution\ Paul is saying the persecution is part of being a Christian
2 Ti 3:12 Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted
- X) V13 For not even those who are circumcised **keep the Law**
They cannot keep the Law, if they deny that Jesus fulfilled the Law
- XI) V13 They desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh

- I) They desire to have you join them so they can add members to their group
They desired to brag about the number of converts that they had made
- II) V14 But God forbid that I should *glory* except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
This is the last thing anyone would boast in: the cross is an emblem of shame
1 Ti 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief
THE CROSS
- III) It is the place where our pride is exposed, our sins are revealed and salvation won
- IV) It is where God dealt with our sin, and the place we are made right with Him
The cross of Jesus is our source of spiritual power (2:20)
It is where the love of God is most clearly revealed to a lost world (Jn 3:16)
- V) The cross is where love's clearest expression was openly manifested to man
It is where God most clearly demonstrated His love for us
1 Jn 4:9-10 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **This is love**: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- VI) It is what God uses to remove the love for the world from me
Understanding that Jesus suffered and died for you draws your heart to Him
- VII) This is what reveals the difference between a genuine teacher and a false teacher
The false teacher directs your attention to themselves, opinions, or organization
- VIII) The genuine teacher points you to the cross of Christ
Phil 3:7-8 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
- IX) V15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything
Neither circumcision or uncircumcision matters in regard to salvation
What matters is that you are born again (2 Co 5:17)
- X) V16 And as many as walk according to this rule peace and mercy be upon them

- I) To all who accept the claims of the gospel: Peace and mercy be upon them
To those who are gentile believers, may God's peace be upon you
- II) And peace and mercy to those who are the Israel of God
True Israel, Jewish believers, who are spiritually regenerated (3:16,18)
Ro 2:29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.
Ro 4:12 (Abraham is) the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.
- III) V17 Now on let no one trouble me for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus
Take this message to heart, and cease causing me concern over you
- IV) My wounds suffered for Jesus should be enough to establish my credentials
The attacks and scars that I have received should be sufficient testimony
- V) V18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with our spirit. Amen.
In contrast to the Law of Moses: May your life be filled with the grace of Jesus
May it fill your heart, enlighten and change your souls, and be obvious in your life!