

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: How can you tell the difference between engaging God as a religion, and enjoying God through a relationship. To sum it up in one word - the difference is GRACE. The Book of Galatians helps Christians eradicate a religious approach to God from our lives, so that we can pursue a joyous relationship with Him. Let's learn to *Let Grace Work*.

Religion: Trying to be Godly without God.

Two Key Questions:

1. Where is the 'Trap of Religion' holding me back?
 2. How is a 'Relationship of Grace' actively setting me free?
- Spirit-Led Living Means Walking in Humility. Galatians 5:26-6:5 (NIV) Phil 2:4-6 (NIV)
 - Spirit-Led Living means Sowing to the Spirit. Galatians 6:6-10 (NIV) 2 Tim 4:2-3 (NIV)
 - Spirit-Led Living Means Boasting Only in the Cross. Galatians 6: 12-18 (NIV)

The Spirit-Led life in Community is Marked:

- By displaying humility instead of pride.
- By sowing to the Spirit instead of the flesh.
- By boasting in the cross instead of ourselves.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Galatians 6:1. Have you ever needed to restore a brother/sister gently? If so, what was that like? Do you need to do so now?
- 3) Read Galatians 6:2-5. What does it look like in real life to "carry each other's burdens"? How can we do that without enabling unhealthy behavior?
- 4) What is the difference between "carry one another's burdens" (6:2) and "each should carry their own load" (6:5).
- 5) Read Galatians 6:6-10. What are some examples of "sowing to the flesh" verses "sowing to please the Spirit"? How have you seen this principle play out in your own life?
- 6) Paul says to "do good to all people, especially to those in the family of believers." How can we practically live this out in our church and community today?
- 7) Read Galatians 6:12-16. What does it mean to boast in the cross rather than in your own achievements or identity?