

Galatians 6 – 14 August 2022

“A Forever Family”

Introduction

*Theme of Book: Self-merit can never justify man, who is sinful by nature, in the presence of God, who is holy by nature

*Galatians Outlined

*Chap 1-2 – **Jockeying** for justification by faith

*Chap 3-4 – **Basis** of justification by faith

*Chap 5-6 – **Fallout** from justification by faith

*Chap 5 was all about the freedom we have in Christ

*Being justified by faith in Christ has given us freedom from sin, death, self

*But we're not just liberated *out of* that, we been brought *into* a new dynamic

*Chap 6 is all about the family we have in Christ

***Today we'll see 3 blessings of being in the family of God**

1st blessing of the family of God is Love: Our family supports each other (Vs 1-5)

Read Vs 1

1. We help each other avoid temptation & repent of sin in a spirit of humility considering how we'd want to be treated
2. Read Matt 7:2 – “With what measure...”
3. This isn't something reserve to pastors & elders but for all who are seeking God

Read Vs 2

1. There are times in life when temptation & sin seem overwhelming to deal with, help each other
2. This is how we demonstrate love to others, get involved to help them live godly

Read Vs 3

1. Read II Cor 3:5
2. We're not sufficient in & off ourselves, we need God poured into our lives regularly

Read Vs 4

1. We each should be examining our own dedication to honoring God w/ what He's given us
2. Takes humility & honesty to do this
3. Psm 26:2 – “Examine me O Lord & prove me”

Read Vs 5

1. We each have a part to play, we each have our daily load or portion that we can't shirk away from
2. It isn't loving or helpful to perform someone else's portion of work for them
 - a. Read Prov 19:18-19

2nd blessing of the family of God is Passion: Our family gets involved abundantly (Vs 6-10)

Read Vs 6

1. Value the teaching of God's Word
2. Read I Cor 9:11 – Spiritual > Carnal
3. Read I Tim 5:17 – honor the Bible teachers

Read Vs 7-8

1. Are we supporting Godly people with our time and money or are we helping carnal things grow?
2. What is the quality of the things that we're feeding and growing in our lives?
3. Only 2 directions
4. Either growing toward corruptible things or
5. Toward incorruptible & God-honoring things

Read Vs 9

1. As in botany, it takes time to yield fruit
 - a. Pouring God's Word into people takes time
 - b. Pouring love into people takes time
2. Be encouraged to continue giving even though you don't see any fruit or results yet

Read Vs 10

1. Prioritize helping believers 1st, but keep going
2. 'As we have opportunity' – May not be able to change the whole world, but you can help the person in front of you – don't miss that chance

3rd blessing of the family of God is Unity: Our family glorifies God & not self (Vs 11-18)

Read Vs 11-13

1. People teaching a works-based religion are willing to present & defend *their efforts* to men, but they're not willing to present & defend *Christ's work* on the cross
 - a. This is foolish way of thinking b/c the cross is foolishness to unbelievers, not believers
2. "How many people grew in their faith" is harder to quantify than...
 - a. How many people you got circumcised or
 - b. How many people you got saved or
 - c. How many people you baptized

Read Vs 14-15

1. We glory in the fact that we can be and are born again by the cross of Christ
2. Thinking both of what we do & don't do is meaningless

Read Vs 16

1. The “Israel of God” here is those that walk in the faith of Abraham as Galatians has talked about
2. For those that are born again believing in faith in the cross of Christ, Paul knows there is peace & mercy upon them

Read Vs 17

1. Live a life that proves who’s side your own, whether you’re in it to honor self or God

Read Vs 18

1. Benediction of grace to those he calls brethren or family

Conclusion

So, what is it like to be in the family of God? The belonging of siblings exists b/c of the commonality of equality among them. All those that have come to God & are justified by faith in what Jesus has done are equal

1. **There's love: we support each other**
 - a. We bear each other's heavy loads
 - b. But we also encourage all to do their part
2. **There's passion: we get involved abundantly**
 - a. We look for chances to help others
 - b. We don't waste time of earthly pursuits above heavenly pursuits
3. **There's unity: we all glorify God & not self**
 - a. We're not in it to build our own kingdom
 - b. We're centered on exalting Christ to the whole world for HIM to be seen and known!