

While We Have Opportunity

Gal 6: 7-10

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- Last week we delved into the universal law
 - “Whatever a man sows, this he will also reap”
- This law is true in the agricultural sphere
- It is also true in the spiritual realm
- How do we know this?
 - The one who sows to the flesh (earthly passions)
 - Will reap corruption
 - The one who sows to the Spirit (set your mind on thing above Col 3: 2)
 - Will reap eternal life

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- You will note the title
 - “While we have opportunity”
- What does this mean to you and me?
 - This is the period between salvation received
 - And glorification achieved
 - It is also a limited time
- The three aspects listed for this timeframe are
 - What will we sow?
 - How long we must wait for the harvest
 - How can we keep from getting weary?

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- What will we sow?
 - Paul has warned earlier about deception
 - Last week we studied this and found
 - The word for deception is “planeo”
 - Which the word we get for planet
 - It means to “wander around”, “without stability”
- An example of the subtlety of deception.....
 - I Cor 15: 33-34
 - Jude 12-13

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- Another example of deception.....
 - Psychiatric therapies....
 - Gal 5: 20-21.....Jealousy, strife and rage
 - If you sow jealousy.....what will you reap?
 - If you sow strife.....what will you reap?
 - If you sow fits of rage.....what will you reap?
- Question.....
 - What pill can you take to stop those things?
 - Currently there are about 130 various psychotropic drugs on the market

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- Many of them designed to alter human transformation.
 - Quote.....
 - “You can muzzle the dog, but you cannot stop the desire to bite”
- We, in the western world have been inundated with ideas for peace of mind
 - Yoga, anti-depressants, group therapy, ketamine therapy, psychedelic therapy, wraparound care, integration coaching and others.....

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- Gal 5: 19-21; Gal 6: 8
 - Sowing these things will result in “corruption”
 - Dan 4....vision of the great tree
 - Interpretation....Dan 4: 25-26
 - Cure....Dan 4: 27
- The only way out of this mess.....
 - To recognize the authority of God over your life.
 - Is that any different for any of us?

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- Two choices laid out for us Gal 6: 8
- Question.....when are we to make the choices?
 - Sow to the flesh
 - Reap corruption or rot
 - Sow to the Spirit
 - Eternal life.....
- The word “corruption” means to “rot”
 - Look at a number passages
 - Prov 11: 22; Prov 12: 4; Prov 25: 24
 - Eph 5: 33

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- Malachi 2: 13-16
 - 3 times.....
 - Take heed to your spirit
 - What is it that is motivating you to treat your wife like this?
 - It certainly is not the Spirit of God (Gal 5: 22-23)
- Back to our title.....while we have opportunity
 - Period from salvation to glorification
 - It is a time of testing
 - It is a time of choosing

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- It is one thing to accept Jesus Christ as Savior
- It is wholly different thing to call Him Lord and refuse to surrender all to Him
 - Matt 16: 24....."he must deny himself"
 - Matt 6: 24.....you cannot serve two masters
 - Eph 4: 30-32
 - Note this is a command.....it is not a suggestion
 - Phil 4: 4-9
 - Now that is an opportunity.....
 - When do I start?
 - This very minute!!!!

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 - Let us do good to all men
 - You mean to my husband?
 - To my wife?
 - To my children?
 - “Especially to those who are of the household of faith”
- Why?
 - We are all part of the body of Christ
 - One member cannot say.....I don't need you
 - Without being maimed in one way or another

The Love of God is Greater
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The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.

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The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

The Love of God is Greater Far

When ancient time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who hear refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call;

The Love of God is Greater Far

God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Grace will resound the whole earth round
The saints' and angels' song.

The Love of God is Greater Far

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And everyone a scribe by trade;

The Love of God is Greater Far

To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

The Love of God is Greater Far

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints and angels' song
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