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# GALATIANS

CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

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**6** The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*. **7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

**Galatians 6:6–18**

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8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

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10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. ¶ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

**Galatians 6:6–18**

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12 Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

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13 For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

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14 But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

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16 And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God. 17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus.

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**18** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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**Churches should pay their pastors!**

11 If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?... 14 So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

**1 Corinthians 9:11-14**

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**Galatians 6:7–10**

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To 'sow to the flesh' is to pander to it, to cosset, cuddle and stroke it, instead of crucifying it. The seeds we sow are largely thoughts and deeds. Every time we allow our mind to harbour a grudge, nurse a grievance, entertain an impure fantasy, or wallow in self-pity, we are sowing to the flesh.

Every time we linger in bad company whose insidious influence we know we cannot resist, every time we lie in bed when we ought to be up and praying, every time we read pornographic literature, every time we take a risk which strains our self-control, we are sowing, sowing, sowing to the flesh.



Some Christians sow to the flesh every day and wonder why they do not reap holiness. Holiness is a *harvest*; whether we reap it or not depends almost entirely on what and where we sow.

-John R. W. Stott, *The Message of Galatians: Only One Way, The Bible Speaks Today* (Leicester, England; Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1986), 170.

## Sowing to the Spirit:

- Surrender to Christ
- Read the Bible
- Pray
- Be active in Church
- Do good to all people (especially the church)

**¶¶** See with what large letters I am writing to you  
with my own hand.

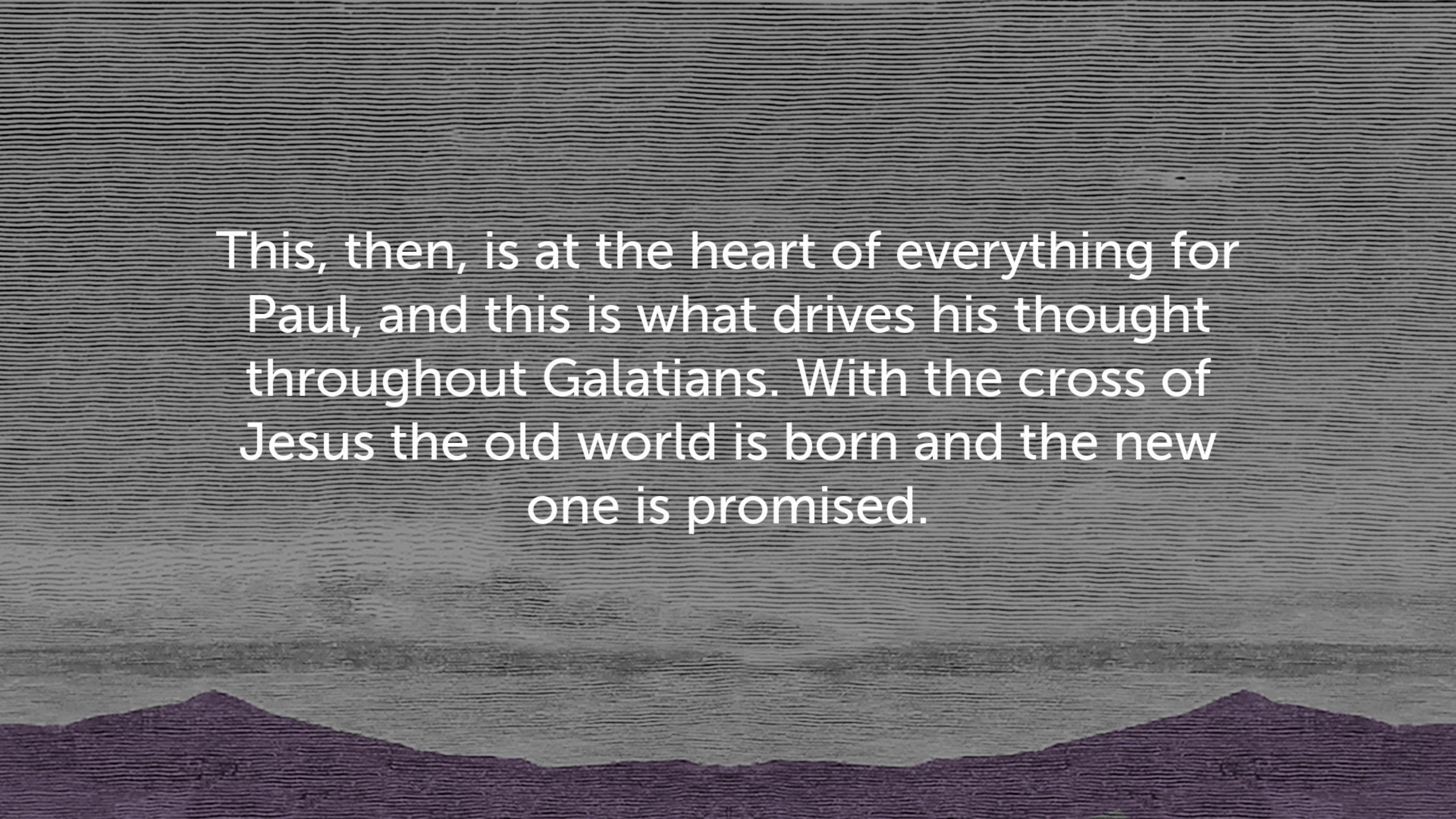
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**Galatians 6:14–15**

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This, then, is at the heart of everything for Paul, and this is what drives his thought throughout Galatians. With the cross of Jesus the old world is born and the new one is promised.

How then can anyone who has glimpsed Jesus as the crucified Messiah want to cling to the values, the identity-markers, the way of life of the world that has already been pronounced dead on the cross? What matters is neither circumcision nor uncircumcision—neither the marks in the flesh of the Jew nor the absence of such marks in the Gentile.

What matters is that God has unleashed upon the world his own new creation, and through the of Jesus invites all to share equally in its blessings, its new life, its promises for the future.

- Tom Wright, *Paul for Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians* (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2004), 82.

16 And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

**Galatians 6:16**

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