



Week 14: Galatians 6:11-18

GOSPEL HARVEST

Bringing his letter to a close personally, Paul pulls back the curtain once again on motivations. The false teachers, he exposes, seek to control the Galatians for personal advantage. But Paul? His heart's desire, from the very beginning, has been for the churches to experience true obedience, the freedom, and ultimately, the overflowing joy that comes from embracing the magnificent gospel of Jesus Christ. He implores them to remain steadfast in their commitment to this message.

THE SCRIPTURE: GALATIANS 6:11-18

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 14

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. What has been your favorite part of Galatians?
2. When have you seen "good sowing" produce "good reaping" in your life?

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3. What is the significance of Paul adding Galatians 6:11 in his letter to the Galatians?
4. In Galatians 6:12-13, Paul identifies three reasons why the Judaizers are urging the Galatians to be circumcised. What are their motivations?

Reason 1: _____

Reason 2: _____

Reason 3: _____

5. How would an outward keeping of the law avoid persecution for the cross, in verse 12 as Paul says?
6. Paul distills the reason for his passionate defense of the Gospel in verse 14. What is that reason?
7. How does verse 14 challenge you?

8. Considering your answer to the previous question, complete the following sentence:

“When I add anything to the gospel message, I...

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9. Reflecting on your life, where do you experience the peace that comes from following the Gospel? In which areas might you be sacrificing that peace by seeking the approval of others?

10. In just a few words, what is the core message of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians?

11. What are some of the most powerful lessons you've learned from studying the book of Galatians?