
Mission 119 Ministries

GALATIANS: THE GRACE GOSPEL UNDER ATTACK

LESSON 8: GRACE APPLIED

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REVIEW

- **The issue is faith alone in Christ alone**
 - **Paul warns against adding to “faith alone in Christ alone” (Galatians 1:9)**
 - **A perverted gospel is faith in Christ plus anything else (repentance of sins, live a certain way, get baptized)**
 - **Galatians 1:10-24 stresses the divine origin of his gospel**
 - **Galatians 2 stresses that the content of his message has divine sanction**
 - **Galatians 3 stresses the supremacy of faith / grace to Law**
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REVIEW

- **Gal. 3:2** This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?
 - **Gal. 3:24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
 - **Gal. 4:19** My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,
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REVIEW

- **Gal. 5:16** *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*
 - **We are to continually “walk” (idiom for LIVE) “in” or “BY THE SPIRIT”, see the syllogism**
 - **IF you live by the Spirit**
 - **THEN you will not fulfill the “lust” (desires) of the flesh**
 - **Desires of flesh and desires of Spirit are oil and water**
 - **IF we are led by the Spirit, we are not under the Law**
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GRACE SERVES

- **Gal. 5:24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.
 - **v. 26** calls out the wrong attitude or thinking
 - **We will never serve others with an attitude of selfish ambition**
 - **Instead, selfish ambition will either (1) cause us to provoke or challenge others to protect what we think we have or (2) envy others for what we desire to get.**
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GRACE SERVES

- **Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.**
 - **In contrast to 5:26, we see here the proper thinking where love and service replace selfish ambition.**
 - **Assumes someone has fallen into some sin problem**
 - **It is the task of the spiritual or mature to help restore (presumes maturity, discernment, wisdom, humility)**
 - **v. 2 all Christians should bear other's burdens (praying, helping)**
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GRACE SERVES

- **Gal. 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden.**
 - **v. 3 When we see another person in a fault it is easy to make comparisons and cast judgment.**
 - **An unbalanced or haughty view of our selves is self-deception**
 - **v. 4 No more comparisons; prove your work and don't assess your worth based on someone else.**
 - **v. 5 We bear the weight of our responsibilities and how we use our gifts, resources, etc.**
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GRACE GIVES

- **Gal. 6:6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**
 - **Possible that after the Judaizers deceived them, they were remiss in their giving**
 - **“all good things” means material and financial substance**
 - **What we do with our substance can be sowing to the flesh or to the Spirit (for the gospel ministry, spiritual needs)**
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GRACE GIVES

- **Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**
 - **Continuing the sowing / reaping idea.**
 - **Don't be fatigued with doing what is right with your resources.**
 - **How will we reap?**
 - **This obligation extends “unto all mean” including but not limited to Christians**
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GRACE GLORIES IN THE CROSS

- **Gal. 6:11** Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. **12.** As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.
 - **v. 11** Paul wrote in large letters (unsure why)
 - **v. 12** Paul addresses the Judaizers and calls them out for their primary motive — to avoid persecution
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GRACE GLORIES IN THE CROSS

- **Gal. 6:13** For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. **14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.
 - **v. 13** The Judaizers glory in getting people circumcised and in that sense glory in the Galatian believers' flesh.
 - **v. 14 CONTRAST:** Paul glories in the cross and where the Judaizers fear persecution in the world the apostle is crucified to the world
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GRACE GLORIES IN THE CROSS

- **Gal. 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.**
 - **v. 15 Explains the “rule” — circumcision is not important, being a new creature in Christ is what matters**
 - **v. 16 To those that live by the “rule” — excludes the Judaizers — Paul wishes them peace and mercy**
 - **“the Israel of God” refers to Jewish Christians and may exclude the Judaizers**
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GRACE GLORIES IN THE CROSS

- **Gal. 6:17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**
 - **v. 17 Where as slaves were often marked by their owners (like a tattoo) Paul was marked through persecutions as belonging to Jesus**
 - **The Judaizers that would trouble Paul do not bear these marks, and indeed fear them**
 - **v. 18 “brethren” enjoy grace in your spirit (not flesh)**
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SO WHAT

- **Salvation is by grace through faith alone (not faith plus works, commitments, contracts, payment plans, keeping the Law)**
 - **Christians are crucified in Jesus Christ and as new creatures should walk by the Spirit and reflect the fruit of the Spirit—including in our serving and giving**
 - **There is victory in the Spirit, not the flesh, not programs, not systems of do and don't, not your resources, your self-discipline**
 - **Enjoy grace.**
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