

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 6:11-18

“SEEKING GOD’S GLORY, NOT MAN’S PRAISE”

Here in chapter 6 Paul gives us some very practical ways to evidence the “fruit of the Spirit” as we “walk in the Spirit.”

Serving Others, not Self (Galatians 6:1-10)

John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

Our love for God should be displayed in how we love one another.

Seeking God’s Glory, not Man’s Praise (Galatians 6:11-18)

Q: What are the characteristics of your life? Who does your life reveal that you are serving?

The soul that “sows to the Spirit” by pursuing a life dominated by the Spirit of God will reap a harvest of holiness bringing much honor and glory to the Father. This is how a believer best serves others.

Paul’s contrasting statements in Philippians.

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live *is* **Christ**, and to die *is* gain.

Philippians 2:21 For all seek their own, not the things which are **Jesus Christ’s**.

I. The Characteristics of the Pursuit of _____ Praise— Attitude of _____ (v. 12-13)

**A. It is marked by _____—Desire for praise
(v. 12a & 13b)**

**B. It is marked by _____—Demanding
observable action (v. 12b)**

C. It is marked by _____—Detest Persecution (v. 12c)

D. It is marked by _____—Double standards (v. 13a)

II. The Characteristics of the Pursuit of _____ Glory—Attitude of _____ (v. 14-16)

A. It is marked by what we _____ in—the cross (v. 14a)

John Stott – Every time we look at the cross Christ seems to say to us, ‘I am here because of you. It is your sin I am bearing, your curse I am suffering, your debt I am paying, your death I am dying.’ Nothing in history or in the universe cuts us down to size like the cross. All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness, until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size.

B. It is marked by what we _____—Christ (v. 14b)

Q: What do you treasure most in this life? (Matthew 6:21)

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

Cf. Galatians 2:20

C. It is marked by spiritual _____ (v. 15)

Cf. Galatians 5:6

When it comes to salvation, “*faith*” is all that matters. It is the only thing that has any saving ramifications. “**Faith**” in Christ brings **salvation**.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in **Christ**, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

D. It is marked by our walking in _____ (v. 16)

E. It is marked by _____ (v. 17)

The “*marks*” on his body identified him as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

III. The Conclusion of Paul’s Letter (v. 18)

Q: How are you serving? Are you serving with pride or humility?

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

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For next week consider “Seeking God’s Glory” in our Christian life.

Here in the final verses of Paul’s letter to the Galatians, he emphasizes our pursuit of God’s glory—that God would be glorified in our Christian lives. The key is *grace*. As the Christian depends upon the grace of God, being lead by the Spirit of God, he will then have nothing to boast in save the working of God in and through him.

Q: Read Galatians 6:11-18 a couple of times. What stands out to you in these verses?

Q: In v. 12, what were the Judaizers doing to minimize persecution against them?

Q: Write out v. 14. Why should we “glory” or boast in “*the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*”?

Q: Think about “*the marks of the Lord Jesus*” that Paul refers to in v. 17. What do these “marks” on Paul’s body reveal about the glory that he pursued?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God’s Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God’s Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date:_____ Text:_____ Speaker:_____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God,... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God’s help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don’t have a plan for change, it probably won’t happen.*)

OUR MISSION: Passionately Serve God & Compassionately Serve Others—
ALL to the Glory of GOD