



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

The Truth About The Gospel

The Dangers of Legalism, Liberalism, & Literalism

Lesson #6 = *The Logistics of the Gospel (Galatians 6)*

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Introduction: The book of Galatians presents an effective case for the gospel of Christ. It challenges the basic principles of legalism, yet also reveals the dangers of liberalism and literalism. Paul shows the necessity of balance and understanding within the Christian community. In the kingdom of God there is room for legalism, liberalism, and literalism... but it can be dangerous if one group dominates the thoughts and/or vision of the church family. Everyone matures at a different rate. Not everyone sees things exactly as another. What Paul advocates, in this letter, is that God loves us ALL the same. Instead of focusing on all of our differences, we need to find our common identity in Christ. In this final chapter Paul reveals that God's grace compels us to bear and share burdens. He builds on the previous statements about doing good works, but adds that we should be on guard for pride, and seek peace with each other. Let's study this last chapter together.....

Discussion:

I. Logistics of Bearing & Sharing (6:1-5)

- A. Restoring the Erring (v.1)
- B. Edifying the Weak (vs.2-5)

II. Logistics of Includes Sowing & Reaping (6:6-10)

- A. Power in Good Things (vs.6-8)
- B. Power in Good Works (vs.9-10)

III. Logistics of Knowing & Boasting (6:11-14)

- A. The Difference Between Good & Evil (vs.11-12)
- B. The Difference Between Givers & Takers (vs.13-14)

IV. Logistics of Serving & Sacrificing (6:15-18)

- A. Paul Reveals What Matters & What Does Not Matter (vs.15-16)
- B. Paul Reveals What Hurts & What Heals (vs.17-18)

Conclusion: Have you noticed a pattern? We can see an acrostic of what the GOSPEL means. Remember one of the main underlying points that must not be missed... All people should hear the gospel message (**Mark 16:15-16**). Everyone needs to be saved! Not one nation. Not one race. Not one family tree. No one group of people has a monopoly on God or His church. Not one preacher. Not one school of thought. Not one religious group. Not those steeped in legalism, liberalism, and literalism. There is room for all of us at the cross! What can you do to ensure that the gospel message is shared with everyone? What are you going to do with the gospel? Will you obey it? Will you live in it? Will you walk in it?



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