

# Sermon #13: Galatians

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## **BREAKING THE ICE**

- What impacted you most about this week's message?

## **UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH**

*Read the Passage (Galatians 6:1-18)*

Read the whole chapter together to hear Paul's heart in concluding this letter to the Galatians, however, we will focus on the first 10 verses in this Guide.

1. What does Paul command us to do in vs 1 when someone is caught in a transgression (i.e. immoral or sinful act)?
2. What type of person does Paul say should initiate this restoration *and* with what kind of demeanor?
3. Would you say this describes what you see happening in the church today? Why or why not?
4. When we bear one another's burdens (verse 2), what "law" do we fulfill?
5. Read John 13:34-35 to see where Jesus gives us a "new commandment" (i.e. law). The Old Testament commanded to love your neighbor as yourself. How does Jesus raise the bar on His new law/commandment?
6. Ponder Paul's reason he gives in verse 3 for bearing one another's burdens. How does self-importance hinder us from self-sacrifice in bearing other's burdens?
7. In verse 4, Paul says each of us must examine our *own* work (and not another's) to form basis of our boasting (i.e. don't feel prideful in your circumstances in comparison to those who appear burdened). Given what Paul states about how we should think of ourselves in vs 3, along with how Paul, himself, thinks about boasting in vs 14, what, ultimately, is Paul saying about any boasting or importance we may find in our own "work"?
8. Paul concludes this unit in verse 5 by simply stating that we each must take responsibility for our own load. How does this principle create a healthy tension to guard us against an unhealthy relationship of burden bearing that undermines personal responsibility?
9. How does verse 6 encourage the church body to care for those who shepherd and teach the body?
10. In verses 7-9, Paul warns us not to be deceived and then explains how. Describe traits of a life that is not deceived.
11. How does Paul summarize and conclude this unit in verse 10?

## **SEEING JESUS CHRIST**

*Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 out loud*

- How does this reality challenge and humble your attitude toward bearing the burden of those who are overwhelmed in the burden of their sin?

## **MAKING IT MATTER**

This is where the rubber meets the road. Make specific, pointed applications of the main thrust/points of the passage and help your audience see how it applies to their life. Don't be general. *Applications should be motivated by our worship of Jesus in previous section.*

1. How has thinking too much of yourself, your accomplishments or your status in life hindered you from showing compassion toward those experiencing a deep burden?
2. Is there someone in your life who is caught up in sin that God may be leading you to restore in a spirit of gentleness? Share without using names.
3. Have you graciously shared "all good things" with those who have instructed and encouraged you in God's Word?
4. Where have you become discouraged at sowing to the Spirit or grown weary of doing good?

## **PRAYING FOR GOD'S POWER**

"This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

When we pray according to God's will it engages the power and guidance of God to bring about our transformation. If we apply these things in our own strength, then it is just legalistic obedience. But, when we humbly ask God to change us and empower us according to His will and by His Spirit, it becomes transformational AND it glorifies God.

1. Ask people to share one key, specific application from today's lesson that they want God to bring about in their life. Then take time to pray for each other in these areas.