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Pastor's Introduction

Who is ready for some good news in 2021? It seems that much of what we have dealt with over the past nine months has been bad news. We've faced worldwide medical pandemic, social unrest in our country, a bitterly divided political election, rising mental and emotional health crises, on top of personal problems that we all are dealing with. We need some good news!

The Greek word *evangelizo* is often translated as "gospel" and means good news. The gospel was good news that a herald would bring to a city. For example, in the Greek world a king may have sent a herald to announce a gospel, to announce good news, that a war had been won. As followers of Jesus, we are heralds of THE gospel of Jesus Christ—namely that the Son of God has paid the price for the sin of the world and that there is forgiveness and salvation through faith in His name. We place our faith in this message, and we proclaim this same message to a world that is hopelessly lost in sin.

As Christians, we don't need another message. We don't have another hope. Yet sometimes we seek victory and hope in other things. Paul wrote to this church that was located in central Turkey to say, "I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel" (Galatians 1:6). This church happily received the good news of Jesus, yet as life pressed in against them, they were quick to turn to other things for their hope. I am afraid that if the church today is not careful, we are apt to do the same thing.

My prayer through this study of Galatians called "No Other Gospel" is that we will see the glory of God's good news and will whole-heartedly rely on the gospel in all things.

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Participant Guide for February 14, 2021

Gospel Clarity

Galatians 1:1-10

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. What is the most abrupt action someone has ever taken to get your attention? Did it work? Why did the other party feel that action necessary?
2. Typically, Paul spends a little more time with pleasantries at the beginning of his letters. This is not the case with his letter to the Galatians. How do you imagine the Galatians reacted the first time they read the letter? Why does Paul jump so quickly to the heart of the matter? What was so important that he demanded their immediate attention?
3. What are examples of some of the gospels that people turn to today? How do we talk to people who believe such false gospels?
4. What is the true gospel? How do you know a gospel is contrary to the true gospel?
5. Paul says, "If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." What does he mean by this statement? What were Paul's motives in ministry? What should be our motives in ministry?
6. Does there need to be a balance between reaching people and pleasing people? Why or why not? In either case, how do we advance the gospel in our culture?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ What are you doing in your life to ensure that you are following the true gospel? How are you growing your theological knowledge?

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Participant Guide for February 21, 2021

Gospel Testimony

Galatians 1:11-24

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

Paul had a powerful testimony. If anyone would have been resistant to the Gospel of Grace in Jesus Christ, it would have been Paul. He was a zealous Jew who was sincere in his Jewish faith but sincerely wrong in his conclusions. To straighten out the tangled-up version of the Gospel being spread throughout Galatia, he poured out his heart to them in a letter in defense of the Gospel revealed to him by Christ Himself.

1. Have you ever been sincerely zealous about something only to discover that you were sincerely wrong? How did you react, and how did you correct your conclusions?

By sharing his personal transformation, Paul used his story to help others understand God's story. God caused Paul to believe the Gospel by revealing His Son to him, changing the driving force behind Paul's life.

2. How have you used your story to help others understand God's story? Has Jesus become the driving force behind your life? How so?

Paul spent ten years learning from God before meeting with the other disciples. He wasn't looking for validation or permission to share the Gospel. He understood his assignments would be challenging, and he was looking for ministry partners. The time spent alone with God prepared Paul for his future assignments.

3. How much alone time have you invested in getting to know God and His Word to better equip you for the assignments God has for you? Who are your ministry partners?

Paul's conversion was a news story, and it had an impact on Jews and Gentiles alike. At one time, Paul thought he glorified God best by adherence to the Law, following Jewish traditions, and murdering those who followed Jesus. However, he glorified God most in his humility when he died to Judaism and began a brand-new life with Christ as his Savior and Lord and his entire reason for living.

4. How does God glorify Himself in your life? Would others describe you as a humble person who is willing to learn from God's Word and change your thoughts and attitudes if He says they need changing? Would others be able to say that you love Jesus more than anyone or anything else?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ What is your testimony? If someone gave you one minute to tell them about what Jesus is doing in your life, what would you say?



Participant Guide for February 28, 2021

Green Light Conference

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. What were your key takeaways from the Green Light Conference?
2. How will our class be involved in local missions?
3. How will our class be involved with our missionary partners?
4. Take time to pray for each of our missionary partners.

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ What role will you play in God's mission?

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Participant Guide for March 7, 2021

Gospel Fidelity

Galatians 2:1-10

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. Read Galatians 2:2: What was/is the gospel that Paul preached among the Gentiles? This may seem like a simple thing to discuss, but it is actually the world's most profound question. Take a few minutes and just discuss the Gospel. As a group, craft a common definition of the gospel in a few short statements.
2. Verse 3 tells us that Titus, a Greek, felt no compulsion to be circumcised as some of the Judaizers were demanding. It certainly would have made things more comfortable for everyone had Titus simply submitted to what the Judaizers wanted. Discuss ways you've seen gospel truth compromised for the sake of expediency.
3. Read verse 4: Discuss ways extra-biblical habits have been used in our culture to enslave those set free in Jesus.
4. In verse 5, Paul asserts that his team "did not give up and submit to these people for even a moment, so that the truth of the gospel may be preserved for you." How and why is the gospel diminished when we add things to it? The Galatian church struggled about whether Gentile Christians needed to keep certain Jewish traditions like circumcision. What are some legalistic struggles of our day that frustrate gospel work? Why is it so important that we maintain clear gospel fidelity?
5. In verse 8, Paul asserts that the same one at work in Peter was the same one at work in Paul. Even so, Peter was sent to the circumcised (Jews) and Paul the Gentiles. We know that they preached not two different gospels but rather the same gospel (just as we do today). With this settled, how does the gospel contextualize in different cultures? (Ex. Religious, cultural Christian, secular, materialist, etc.)

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Consider your life. What are some areas where you need to release legalism and follow the gospel? Make it a point to believe the gospel in those areas this week.



Participant Guide for March 14, 2021

Gospel Trust

Galatians 2:11-19

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. Life is filled with many choices, and accompanied by those choices is “trust.” How do we determine what/who we will trust?

“Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible.” Corrie Ten Boom

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Consider that “trust” is the placement of your foot on the staircase. Faith is accomplished with our heart, or perhaps a person would say with our mind. Faith is a mental or heart issue. Trust is the action that follows our mental or heart conviction.

2. Why was Peter living like the Gentiles? What were some examples of the difference between living like a Gentile and living like a Jew? How was this hypocrisy for Peter?
3. Verse 14 states, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile.” How does living like a Jew in this passage reflect a lack of trust in the gospel?
4. Read Galatians 3:1-5: What did the circumcised group from James “trust” for their salvation?
5. Verse 15. What does the Bible say that we must trust for our salvation? We need to trust that justification (forgiveness for our sin) is by faith alone. Why is it significant that we view justification as a once for all declaration and not a process?
6. What are some additional instructions in the Bible that we are asked to trust? Read these verses: Exodus 20:8, Malachi 3:10, Matthew 7:12, Matthew 28:19-20. Can you think of other times the Bible calls us to trust?
7. When are other times in life we demonstrate a lack of trust (when are we fearful of placing our foot)? Awareness that God is asking me to _____. Do we trust in something in addition to faith for our salvation?
8. We trust teenagers with driving the automobile; even if there is some apprehension, we still place the key in their hands. Why do we not trust God for guidance in the everyday decisions in life? We claim to trust Him for eternal life. Why not trust Him and His statutes for life on earth??

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ The mountain climber tests his rope before he starts his climb. Psalm 119:140, “Your promises have been thoroughly tested and your servant loves them.” Choose a promise to claim and trust this week.



Participant Guide for March 21, 2021

Gospel Faith

Galatians 2:20-3:9

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. Discuss the Biblical definitions of the following terms: faith, justification, and righteousness. Use an online Bible dictionary if you need help.
2. The Gentile believers of the Galatian church began to believe what the Judaizers taught them: that faith alone in the gospel is not enough. They were taught that in addition to faith, they must also follow the Mosaic laws (10 commandments, sacrificial system, circumcision, etc.) to be justified before God. What are examples of things (works) people in the church might trust to make them justified before God? Why do you think people tend to lean in works to make them righteous rather than faith?
3. In Galatians 2:20-21, Paul states that “if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.” What does he mean by this statement?
4. In Galatians 3:5, Paul asks if God sent His Spirit to believers and works miracles among them by their faith or by their works of the Law. He leaves no room for doubt and makes it clear that faith is what saves. Now read James 1:22-25. How does what James says about being “doers of the word” reconcile with what Paul teaches about faith? Discuss why both are important.
5. Read Galatians 3:6-9; Genesis 12:2-3 and 15:2-6: Abraham was justified by his faith before the Mosaic Law existed, and the gospel was proclaimed to Abraham (Gen. 12:3 & Gal. 3:8). How did Abraham have saving faith if it was before the Mosaic law and Christ? In whom or what did he have faith? What does his faith teach us about our faith?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Honestly reflect on what you are putting your faith (belief/trust) in. Is it faith in the gospel alone, or are you trusting in your deeds to make you “good enough”? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the true motivations in your heart, repent if you are trusting in your efforts, and thank the Lord for His righteousness paying for your sin.

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Participant Guide for March 28, 2021

Gospel Promise

Galatians 3:10-18

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. There are several quotes from the Old Testament in today's text. We'll explore the implications of some of them as they relate to the gospel. First, verse 10 references Deuteronomy 27:26. Then verse 11 references Habakkuk 2:4. We know it is impossible to keep the Law perfectly. Quite the contrary, according to verse 10, if we depend on Law and legalism, we are actually condemning ourselves. Take some time to discuss good works as it pertains to our salvation in the gospel.
2. Read Galatians 3:12 and Hebrews 11:6: Galatians 3:12 quotes Leviticus 18:5. "Keep my statutes and ordinances; a person will live if he does them. I am the Lord." What does it mean that a person lives who does them? How does faith motivate our good works?
3. Read Romans 5:12-21: Discuss the magnitude of God's grace and mercy as indicated in Galatians 3:13.
4. Read Romans 4:9-12: Pay special attention to the questions posed in verse 10. Next, read Romans 2:25-29. Share testimonies of when and how God circumcised your heart.
5. Verse 18 of our text today really brings the lesson into view. Take some time to discuss how other religions and worldviews essentially have to do with humanity's efforts to reach God. Compare and contrast the promise of the Gospel. Why is it superior? Why can we proclaim the promise of the gospel with confidence?

Respond

- **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**
- ◆ Make it a point to share the promise of the gospel in a conversation this week. The conversation could be in person, over the phone, or online but share the promise at least once.

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Participant Guide for April 4, 2021

Easter

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

Additional Notes:

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

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Participant Guide for April 11, 2021

Gospel Redemption

Galatians 3:19-26

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon notes:



Apply

1. Why do we have laws, for example, traffic laws? What is the purpose of these laws? Do these laws alone save you from anything?
2. How did God deliver the Law to the Israelites? Why did God give them the Law at this particular time?
3. Were the actions (transgressions) of humanity evil before God gave the Law? What does this tell us about the Law?
4. Paul states that the Law was only temporary until the promised Seed would come. If the Law was only meant to be temporary, what role did it play in God's redemptive plan for humanity? Why was it such a challenge for the Jewish people to understand the purpose of the Law?
5. Read Colossians 2:17: In contrast to the Law, which brings condemnation, Christ brings redemption. What is the foundation of our redemption in Christ? What does Paul mean when he says the Law was a shadow of what was to come?
6. In your circles, you will encounter many different forms of legalism. How do you point people to the redemption found in Christ? Why is it so much better?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Are there any areas in your life that you are still bound to the Law and not trusting in Christ? Identify them and pray for freedom in Him.

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Participant Guide for April 18, 2021

Gospel Unity

Galatians 3:27-29

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. In Old Testament culture, when a son would pass from childhood into manhood, he would receive full rights as the heir, and at that time, he would also change his clothing to reflect the change in status. In light of this, what do you think Paul is telling us in 3:27 about “being clothed with Christ?”
2. In verse 28, Paul is listing ethnic, social, and gender differences present in the Galatian church. Is Paul saying those differences no longer exist? What does he mean? What are some differences between people within our church? What are some difficulties that differences between people can cause?
3. Still looking at verse 28, Paul follows a list of differences with the statement, “you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Why is he pointing out unity after listing differences that are real, and still exist? Why is it so important for brothers and sisters in Christ to focus on being united in Christ?
4. What would it look like for our church to experience unity?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Think about someone you know who is a believer but is a different economic background, cultural background, or political party. Then think about someone who is similar to you economically, culturally, and politically but is not a follower of Christ. Which one do you feel you have more in common with? Why or why not? Are there any attitudes you need to repent of or changes you need to make to be more in line with God’s Word?

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Participant Guide for April 25, 2021

Gospel Heirs

Galatians 4:1-7

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. The passage today talks about being a slave and being a son. What is the difference Paul is making here, and why should it give us reason to praise the Lord?
2. Read the following passages in the NT concerning adoption:
 - Romans 8:15
 - Romans 8:23
 - The 1st speaks of a redemption of our spirit. The 2nd speaks of a redemption of our body. What significance is there between the two redemptions? Look at Romans 8:10-11 for some clues.
 - Read Romans 7:14-25
 - Discuss how this speaks to the period between the two redemptions. (Clue: When he redeems your spirit, he doesn't slay your flesh. You get the chore of wrestling with it until the redemption of the body.)
3. How can we best win the battle against the flesh here on earth? Give some scriptural specifics on how to fight the fight.
4. How does the truth of being an heir to God affect the way you conduct your life?

How does it bring relief? Given we are heirs, what responsibility to the Gospel do we have?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in this scenario?
 - a. Read Romans 8:16-17; 26-27 to help you answer this question.

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, focus on the specific things you need to do to live as a son of God and not a slave of the world. Plan the work, work the plan!

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Participant Guide for May 2, 2021

Gospel Confusion

Galatians 4:8-20

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. Read Galatians 4:8-9 from today's text and then read Ephesians 2:1-10. The Ephesians passage has two words in verse 4, "but God." Our text for today has two words in verse 9, "but now." How do the implications of the "but God" in Ephesians impact what should be the "but now" that we read in verses 8 and 9 of today's lesson in Galatians?
2. A meritocracy is a system where people are rewarded based on ability and/or production. The legalists in Galatia wanted Christians to follow the pre-established rules beyond the scope of the gospel. Why do you think people tend to favor extrinsic religious expression over intrinsic gospel truth and transformation?
3. You can feel Paul's frustration about the Galatians returning to legalism throughout this book and perhaps especially in verses 10-12. How have you seen legalism hurt your personal gospel witness? How have you seen legalism strain the church's gospel witness both locally and globally?
4. In our lesson today, Paul contrasts his gospel witness to the courtship of the legalists. Verses 16 and 17 lay this out very clearly. Discuss verse 17. Why would legalists "court people eagerly" and try to "exclude" them from people speaking gospel truth? Discuss this phenomenon in church politics and public politics.

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week as you watch current events, make an effort to apply a gospel filter to the positions you hear espoused in the body of Christ and the world. Ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?"

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Participant Guide for May 9, 2021

Gospel Covenant

Galatians 4:21-31

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. It is clear from this passage that Sarah and Hagar are OT types or pictures of the OT covenant of the Law vs. the NT covenant of Christ and His grace. Spend a little time recalling the OT story and how it speaks into your understanding of this NT passage from Paul.

I hope you will always read the OT in light of the NT and the testimony of Christ. There is a great Bible Reading Plan called Connecting the Testaments. Available on Amazon. I encourage you to check it out. -Darrell

2. Read the end of verse 30: When read in the Old Testament context, this part of the story is harsh, but when seen as a type for the NT covenant, it takes on a new light. Discuss the phrase “the Slave will never be a coheir with the free woman.”
3. Many new believers will err toward legalism to be obedient to what the Bible teaches. What are the dangers of legalism, and how can you discuss being obedient to the scriptures without making an idol of legalism?
4. As heirs of the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, grace and liberty are sometimes used as an excuse not to take sin seriously. Why is this just as bad as legalism? Give a biblical response to such a false understanding of Grace. Romans 6:1-14 is a great place to look!
5. Can someone give testimony of how they, in past or present, find themselves living as slaves instead of heirs? How has this passage helped you see the truth and how to live as an heir?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ This week, examine your life and all its actions, reactions, and attitudes. Identify three specific things that you would say qualify as slave living and repent and move forward as an heir.

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Participant Guide for May 16, 2021

Gospel Freedom

Galatians 5:1-6

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. For freedom did Christ set us free. (v.1) The phraseology of the verse stresses the completeness comprehensive character of the act – once and for all. How does knowing our freedom is based on a complete and comprehensive act of Christ help us to stand firm?
2. Read John 8:32-36: What are the benefits of freedom in Christ? How does living a lifestyle of freedom impact our discipleship?
3. In ancient culture, the word “yoke” was a term to describe submission. When a person was described as yoked to someone or something, it was communicating the idea that he/she was in submission to the person or thing. Paul warns of the burden of being yoked to slavery. Read Matthew 11:28-30: Discuss how life yoked to the law differs from a life yoked to Christ. The invitation “come to me” is a call to relationship rather than religious practice. How can your submission to Christ be demonstrated as liberating to lost family, friends, and neighbors?
4. Although Paul speaks specifically of circumcision in verses 2-6, he generally speaks of any commendable work or religious practice to gain God’s favor and attain righteousness. Paul states, “Christ is of no value at all” to those mixing the law/religious practice with faith. He then says that for those who are in Christ, human effort has no value. If Paul is talking to believers, what does a Christian life look like in which Christ has no value? Legalism is a grace killer. How can we guard against grace falling away in our lives?
5. In verse 6, Paul tells us what is valuable – faith expressed through love. Read John 13:34: Jesus freely loves us and commands we love others in the same way. Why is loving others risky? How does love relate to freedom?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Read 1 Cor. 13 – a more excellent way. Ask God to search your heart for the motives behind your acts of service. Is your life aligned with the standards of Jesus, or are you bearing a yoke someone else has put on you?

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Participant Guide for May 23, 2021

Gospel Service

Galatians 5:7-15

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. What is the role of the server at a restaurant? What makes a server good or bad at their job? Come up with a list of good and bad traits for a server. Now that you've established what a good server looks like in a restaurant, look at the lists and consider how you serve others (e.g., job/church/family/friends). How would you grade yourself? Based on the criteria you came up with, are you a "good server" or a "bad server?"
2. In his commentary on verse 9, John Calvin states, "Satan's stratagem is, that he does not attempt an avowed destruction of the whole gospel, but he taints its purity by introducing false and corrupt opinions." Satan knows that he can't bring the whole thing down, so he plants seeds of untruth. What were examples of false opinions in Paul's time? What are examples in our time?
3. In verse 11, what does Paul mean by "the offense of the cross?" Is the cross offensive? Should the cross be offensive?
4. Read the following passages: Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 7:12; 19:19; 22:37-40; John 13:34. What is the common thread throughout all of these passages? Jesus was very clear about how we treat our neighbor. Why did he continue to drive this point home for the disciples?
5. What are some of the barriers we have to love our neighbor? How does loving your neighbor promote unity? Why is unity so vital for us today?
6. How does loving and serving others promote the gospel in powerful ways? What is our class doing to spread the gospel through love and service?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Reflect on your list from question one. How are you serving others? How well would you tip yourself if you were your own server?

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Participant Guide for May 30, 2021

Gospel Fruit

Galatians 5:16-26

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

Imagine you are witnessing a most unusual wedding ceremony. The bride and groom are there in all their finery. Before the ceremony begins, each hands the other a contract detailing the rules of their marriage and life together. The husband-to-be reads, “You must help with the dishes each evening; you must cut the lawn each Saturday; you must” Then the wife-to-be reads, with shock and dismay, “You must cook the meals; you must keep a clean house; you must make the beds.”

What is the problem? The couple is trying to legislate what love would cause them to do willingly! Carry that illustration over into the spiritual realm. A Spirit-controlled person needs no law to make a righteous life. Why? Because the motivation to do so comes from within! (Adapted from Devotional Insights, The Daily Walk Bible, July 1996, page 1294)

In Galatians 5:16-26, Paul wrote to the Galatian believers, reminding them of the old nature's inner struggle versus the new nature and how to be victorious.

1. Read Galatians 5:17-18: What is the conflict in these verses? What is meant by “the flesh”? How does Romans 8:5-8 characterize a person living according to the flesh? According to Galatians 5:16, what is the command to the believers in Galatia and Christians today?
2. What ugly works of the flesh does Paul list in Galatians 5:19-21? Is this any different today? We cannot simply “will” to overcome the flesh in our own strength. Romans 7:5-6. 1 Cor. 6:19-20. 2 Cor. 5:17. Being led by the Spirit and walking in the Spirit are opposites of yielding to the desires of the flesh.
3. Read Galatians 5:22-23. The works of the flesh are each listed in detail. The fruit of the Spirit is listed as a singular word, *karpos*. What is the significance that the list begins with love? Refer to 1 Cor. 13. From “love” flows the other eight graces revealing the richness of that love. When a person accesses Jesus by faith, the Spirit imparts the consistent life of Jesus: the fruit of the Spirit.
4. How is God honored and others impacted when a Christ-follower exhibits God’s love, hope, patience, faith, etc.? Discuss the significance of “Gospel Fruit.” In what way is your walk with God characterized by a growing love relationship instead of a list of rules to follow? How does 1 Cor. 13:1 describe someone whose life does not reveal the fruit of the Spirit?

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ Choose one characteristic listed in Galatians 5:22-23 to cultivate this week. How will allowing God to cultivate this characteristic in your life deepen your devotion to God and your relationship with others?



Participant Guide for June 6, 2021

Gospel Care

Galatians 6:1-10

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. Has there ever been a time someone went out of their way to make you feel cared for and loved? Why did that act make a lasting impression?
2. What are some reasons we have trouble bearing one another's sins?
3. Read Romans 15:1-3: How does Paul use the Gospel as motivation to love one another?
4. James 4:6, 1 Pt. 5:5 Say, "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble." Why does Paul tell us to take "pride in ourselves alone" in v. 4?
5. How can salvation and eternal life motivate us to not get tired of trying to do good for others?
6. Verse 6 encourages us to share "all good things with the teacher." What are some good things we can share with the leaders of our church?
7. What is one practical thing we can do for the good of our community? The people, or a person, at our church? Write it down and ask someone to hold you accountable for completing that commitment this week.

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ It's hard to care for yourself and others when life gets messy. This week take time to reflect on how you are caring for yourself and others.

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Participant Guide for June 13, 2021

Gospel Abandon

Galatians 6:11-18

Highlight

Which verse(s) spoke to you this week? Highlight any words you see repeated. Does this help you see the main point?

Explain

Sermon and discussion notes:



Apply

1. Paul asserts that people are giving in to demands of legalism to avoid persecution. Have you ever compromised what you believe to get away from difficulty or to impress someone?
2. The only thing Paul claims is worth boasting about is “the cross of Christ.” Should we never be proud of anything we accomplish? How do you boast in the cross?
3. Paul refers to himself as a “New Creation.” Do you feel like you are different after being saved? In what ways is your life different? If you were saved at a very early age, how can you even tell?
4. Paul concludes by saying that no one should cause him trouble anymore. What were the major themes of this book that troubled Paul? How can we avoid these things and thereby follow this advice? (Hint: recap the main themes of this sermon series, what did you learn?)

Respond

→ **Challenge - What are you going to do in response to the truth communicated today?**

- ◆ One of the last commands in this book is to bring peace to everyone. How will you apply Galatians to your life this week in a way that brings peace to everyone around you?

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