

GALATIANS

Chapter 6 Bible Study

Review of Chapter 5

1. When we put our faith in Christ, there is no benefit to trying to meet the requirements of the Law (Like Circumcision). What is important to God?
2. As Christians, we are not to use our “Freedom in Christ” as an excuse to sin, how should we use our Freedom instead?
3. If you were to sum up God’s Law (The Old Testament requirements), in one command, what would it be?
4. If we let the Holy Spirit guide our lives, instead of trying to live by a rule book of do’s and don’ts, what will we “NOT” be doing?
5. What are the results (or behaviors) of following the sinful nature? (16 things from chapter 5: 19-21)
6. What are the results of following the Holy Spirit that are seen as characteristics of a person that is living for God, and not their sinful nature?

We Harvest What We Plant

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. ³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. ⁴ Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct. ⁶ Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.

1. How should a “godly” believer, help a “struggling” believer that is overcome by sin? (V1a) _____
2. What should we be careful of as we try to help someone that is overcome by some sin? (V1b) _____
3. How can we obey the law of Christ? (V2) _____

Note: The Greek word for burden means “Heaviness, weight, trouble”, so what God is saying is that as we care for other people when they feel the pressures of life, the stresses of life, and the troubles of life (their burdens), we are fulfilling Jesus command to “Love Your Neighbor, as Yourself”, which fulfills the law of Christ.

4. Are we too important to help someone in need? (V3) _____

5. Whose work should we be paying attention to, so that we don't need to compare ourselves to others, and what will the result be? (V4) _____

6. Whose conduct are we responsible for? (V5) _____

7. What should we do for those that teach us the word of God? (V6) _____

⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

8. How often will we harvest what we plant in life? (V7) _____

9. What will we reap if we live only to satisfy our sinful nature? (V8a) _____

10. What will we reap if we live to please the Spirit of God? (V8b) _____

Note: In verse 8 it says that those who live “only” for their sinful nature will harvest decay and death. Another word for sinful nature is “flesh”, which is used in other translations of the Bible. The Greek word for “flesh” means ... “the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.” Therefore, we all have a choice, to either live to please the Spirit of God, or to please “ourselves”, and there is a consequence for whatever choice is made.

11. What will we reap if we don't give up and continue to do what is good? (V9) _____

12. When should we do good, and who should we do “extra” good to? (V10) _____

Paul's Final Advice

¹¹ NOTICE WHAT LARGE LETTERS I USE AS I WRITE THESE CLOSING WORDS IN MY OWN HANDWRITING.

¹² Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised want to look good to others. They don't want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save. ¹³ And even those who advocate circumcision don't keep the whole law themselves. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast about it and claim you as their disciples.

¹⁴ As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. ¹⁵ It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation. ¹⁶ May God's peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God.

¹⁷ From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus.

¹⁸ Dear brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

13. What alone can save us? (V12) _____

14. What should be crucified as a result of what Christ did on the cross? (V14) _____

15. When it really gets down to it, what is the only thing that should matter? (V15) _____

Reflection/Application: What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Review Question Answers from Chapter FIVE

1. Faith expressing itself in love.
2. To serve one another in love.
3. Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.
4. We will not be doing what our sinful nature craves.
5. Sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.
6. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Chapter 6 Answer Key

1. We should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.
2. Be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.
3. By sharing other people's burdens.

4. No, if we think we are, we are only fooling ourselves.
5. We should pay attention to our own work so that we get the satisfaction of a job well done.
6. Our own conduct.
7. We should provide for them and share all good things with them.
8. We will always harvest what we plant.
9. Decay and death from that sinful nature.
10. We will reap a harvest of everlasting life "from" the Spirit.
11. We will reap a harvest of blessing.
12. We should do good whenever we have the opportunity, especially to those in the family of faith.
13. The cross of Christ.
14. Our interest in this world (pleasure, possessions, and pride in our accomplishments and possessions), should be crucified.
15. Whether we have been transformed into a new creation.