

# FREEDOM — IN THE — IN-BETWEEN

## **Introduction:**

**Galatians 6:1-18**

The first two chapters of Galatians argued for the truth of the gospel. Chapters 3 and 4 made the case against the false gospel of legalism. Over the past two weeks, we have looked at chapter 5 and the freedom we have in the gospel and the Spirit who applies the gospel to every area of our lives. This week we conclude our study of Galatians by looking at chapter 6.

**This week's main point:**  
**Christ is all we need.**

Galatians 6 makes applications for chapter 5's conclusion that believers are to live by the Spirit. Paul gives specific instruction about what this looks like regarding a believer's relationships with other people (v. 1-5), financial stewardship (v. 6-10), and personal sacrifice for Christ (v. 11-18). Our identity should not come from what others are doing or what others think of us but from who we are in Christ. When our identity comes from Christ and his gospel, we will never feel superior or inferior to others. This frees us to be both humble and bold in how we love and serve everyone.

Verses 2 and 5 present what some in your group may see as a paradox. "Bear one another's burdens" and "Bear [your] own load" seem to be opposite instructions. As a church family, we are to help one another through life's trials, but in the end, everyone must stand alone before God in judgment. We point one another to Christ now so that each person may be fully clothed in Christ when he or she stands before God. Verse 4 is the bridge between these two ideas by saying that personal faith in Christ is all that matters. We cannot rest in a parent, spouse, or friend's faith; it must be our own.

Galatians begins and ends with Paul's call to trust in the grace of Christ available only through the true gospel.

## **Sermon Response Question:**

1) What were your main take-aways from this week's sermon? What about from the whole sermon series through Galatians?

## **Read Galatians 6:1-18.**

## **Bible Study Questions:**

2) List Paul's commands to the Galatians for their interactions with one another in verses 1-6.

3) What principle is being taught in verses 7-8? What does this principle mean for Christians?

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4) In verses 9-10, Paul encourages the Galatians to “do good.” Why is it easy to become “weary in doing good”?

5) Reflect on verses 11-18. Contrast the faith of those who fear being persecuted for the cross of Christ and those who boast only in the cross of Christ.

6) How do verses 14-15 provide a summary of the whole letter of Galatians?

7) What are the products of a right understanding of the gospel from verses 16-18?

## **Application Questions:**

8) Looking back at your list from question 2, which of these is your group doing well? Which of these could you do better?

9) If you are aware of a sin in your life or in another Christian’s life, what does Galatians 6:1-5 say you should do and how?

## **Prayer:**

- Go around the room, and have each person in your group pray one verse at a time from Galatians 6.
- Go in order through the passage.
- You may make multiple laps or just stop once the last person has prayed.
- The goal is to let the words of Galatians 6 be the content of your prayer.