

Walk in the Spirit

Galatians 6:1-18

Lesson 8

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. How has the Lord ministered to you through your study of Galatians?

2. Walking in the Spirit has an effect on every aspect of our life. From interpersonal relationships to how we invest our time and energy, everything is affected by our walk. Paul, in his closing exhortations to the Galatians, highlighted the behavior of those who walk in the Spirit. Unlike the legalists, those of the Spirit show concern for each other's welfare and seek to constantly invest in spiritual things. Read the passages below and record any phrases that stand out to you:
 - a. Galatians 6:1-5

 - b. Galatians 6:6-10

 - c. Galatians 6:11-14

 - d. Galatians 6:15-18

3. One of the best ways to sow to the Spirit is through prayer. Take the opportunity now to sow to the Spirit.

He that sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
Galatians 6:8

SECOND DAY: Read Galatians 6:1-5

1. Use Galatians 6:1 to answer the following questions concerning a person *overtaken in any trespass*, noting that this refers to someone who has fallen into sin, not someone who is hardened and determined in sin:
 - a. What should be done for the person that is *overtaken*?
 - b. Who is to do this for him?
 - c. How should he be restored?
 - d. What should the person restoring him consider?
 - (1) What stands out to you most from Paul's counsel in this verse?
 - (2) Contrast this attitude with Galatians 5:15 and Galatians 5:26. What do you see?
2. According to Galatians 6:2a, what are we to do as believers?
 - a. When we *bear* with others in this way, what does it do? Galatians 6:2b
 - (1) Use John 13:34-35 to remark on the *law of Christ*.
3. Link Paul's warning in Galatians 6:3 with Romans 12:3. Share your thoughts.
 - a. How could conceit affect someone's ability to *fulfill the law of Christ*?
4. Instead of regarding ourselves as *something*, what are we encouraged to do? Galatians 6:4-5
5. According to Galatians 6:5 whose behavior are you responsible for?
6. From what you've studied today, what is the best way to approach a believer *who is overtaken in any trespass*?

THIRD DAY: Read Galatians 6:6–10

1. What should the person *who is taught the word* do? Galatians 6:6
 - a. The Greek word used here for *share* is *koinonio*, which denotes fellowship and giving. Link this with 1 Timothy 5:17 and record your observations.
2. What important warning and principle did Paul set forth in Galatians 6:7?
 - a. How does this verse pertain to life in general?
 - (1) Why is it deceptive to think otherwise?
 - b. How does this verse pertain to *him who teaches*?
 - c. How does this verse pertain to those who are *taught*?
3. According to Galatians 6:8, what is the outcome of:
 - a. sowing to the *flesh*
 - b. sowing to the *Spirit*
 - (1) Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–11. How are you motivated to sow *to the Spirit*?
 - (2) Cite a few ways you can sow *to the Spirit*.
4. Mindful of the principle of sowing and reaping, what are we *not* to do? Galatians 6:9a
 - a. How will we be blessed *if we do not lose heart*? Galatians 6:9b
 - (1) How does this promise minister to you? See also Hebrews 6:10.
5. Because of this sure promise, what are we exhorted to do in Galatians 6:10?
6. Share a time you have experienced the results of *sowing to the Spirit*.
7. How would you encourage someone to *sow to the Spirit*?

FOURTH DAY: Read Galatians 6:11-14

1. Most of Paul's letters were dictated to an assistant. What is special about this one? Galatians 6:11
 - a. What do you think he was seeking to convey?

2. Galatians 6:12 NLT reads, *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.*
 - a. Who were compelling the Galatians to be *circumcised*?
 - (1) What does this motivation reveal about these men?

 - b. Note the two reasons they did this.
 - (1) What does this motivation reveal about these men?

3. What did Paul point out about *those who are circumcised*? Galatians 6:13a
 - a. Yet what did they *desire*? Galatians 6:13b
 - (1) Remark on this hypocrisy.

4. By contrast, what was Paul's only *boast*? Galatians 6:14a
 - a. Observe Galatians 6:14 NLT, *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.* What was true of Paul's life because of the cross?
 - (1) Use Colossians 3:1-4 to further explain Paul's perspective.

 - (2) What do you desire your relationship to the *world* to be?

FIFTH DAY: Read Galatians 6:15–18

1. In Galatians 6:15a Paul reiterated that in Christ Jesus circumcision *avails* nothing. Instead, what *avails*? Galatians 6:15b
 - a. Link this with 2 Corinthians 5:17 and comment on this truth.
 - (1) Why do you think *a new creation* is necessary? See also Ephesians 4:22–24.

2. In Galatians 6:16 Paul pronounced the blessing of *peace and mercy* to those who *walk according to this rule*. Use Galatians 6:15b to explain the rule Paul was talking about.
 - a. How do you think *this rule* would result in:
 - (1) *peace*

 - (2) *mercy*

 - b. The title *Israel* means *ruled by God*. Who is then included in *the Israel of God*?

3. In your own words write Paul's desire *from now on*. Galatians 6:17a
 - a. What evidence did Paul's *body* bear? Galatians 6:17b
 - (1) Use 2 Corinthians 11:23–28 to comment further on these *marks*.
 - (a) What stands out most to you concerning Paul?

4. Use Galatians 6:18 to record Paul's final blessing upon the Galatians.
 - a. Why was *grace* an appropriate way for Paul to conclude this epistle?

5. How have you been blessed by God's *grace*?

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Paul dedicated a large portion of this epistle to demonstrate the superiority of grace and faith over the law. He then gave the believers practical ways to *walk in the Spirit*. Use the following verses from Galatians 6 to note these ways:
 - a. verse 1
 - b. verse 2
 - c. verses 4-5
 - d. verse 6
 - e. verse 9
 - f. verse 10

2. In light of these exhortations, how are you encouraged to *walk in the Spirit*?

*Let us not grow weary while doing good,
for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
Galatians 6:9*