

Galatians 6

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All men are traveling on the same road, which is from birth to the grave. You may have noticed that on a tomb stone there is the date of birth and the death of the individual with a dash in between. The “dash” between determines a man’s eternity. Please understand not what he has done but what has been done for him, namely, the finished work of Christ on the cross where Jesus said on the cross, “It is finished.” What one does with the call to repentance determines ones eternity rather than what he may seek to do to attain salvation.

It would be good for men to realize that his road is no higher than his neighbor. All men are lost in sin and all men are called to walk on the Calvary Road. Men are marching from the cradle to the grave, and some are weak and weary and succumb to the thrills of this sin cursed earth. The road is dreary and burdensome for those who do not know Christ and it is also burdensome for he who does know Christ, but he has Christ as the burden bearers. As believers, we are to draw to the side of the brother who has staggered in his journey with the intent to restore him to the next mile on the Calvary Road. Legalistic responses are not in the spirit of brotherly-ness. Everything possible is to be done to restore a brother. The attitude that is of great importance is “meekness.” A self-righteous spirit leaves one open to his own downfall. It is a brother’s privilege as it is his responsibility to carry the brother’s burden (V.2). A deluded man thinks too much of himself and is deceived (V.3). How necessary to sit at the feet of Jesus and to know our need of His life that needs to be lived through us in power of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God (V.8). We can be found living in a “fool’s paradise” of self-righteousness. Our standards are too low if we have others set it for us, and our standards are too low if it is not Jesus who sets the standard for us. May we see the standard that the Lord has set, which will allow us to focus biblically on the need of a brother in need.

Christianity needs to be lived in the four walls of the church through ministering one to another, suggesting that we are present to be taught, attentive and so

to learn, and participating in the ministry fulfilling the “Great Commission”. The word, “communicate” suggests that spiritual involvement allows for spiritual growth discouraging “being overtaken in a fault” (V.1). This is the law of cause and effect and no one will ever change that law. Even if sins may be forgiven, the fruit will appear (Vs.3,4). ‘How needful for more Christians to be more Christian before there will be more Christians’; is a term that has come to my mind on many occasions. As the church may be praying for revival; God is waiting for the church to do what it knows to do, which is live according to His word and proclaim it near and far.

Prayer: Dear God, we come to thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and would ask that thou be gracious unto us and by thy Holy Spirit teach and empower us to fulfill your calling upon our lives. Amen.

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