



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: Principles And Warnings For Living As A Christian
Book Theme: Don't Alter The Gospel
Chapters: Galatians 6 **Dec. 20th, 2023**

Central Text: **Galatians 6:15, NLT**, 15 It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.

1.Principles On Living As A Christian - Galatians 6:1-10

- v.1- Help restore others to God's path
- v.2- Help others with their burdens
- v.4- Don't compare ourselves to others; rejoice in the service God has given us
- v.6- Pay tithes where we're taught the word of God
- v.8- Sowing to our sin-nature reaps death; sowing to the Spirit reaps everlasting life (now & forever)
- v.9- Endure while doing good b/c in due season we'll reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up
- v.10- Do good to all

Question For Dialogue: What makes it difficult to live out your faith? Also, what gives you strength to live out your faith?

2.Warnings While Living As A Christian - Galatians 6:11-18

- v.12&13- Don't give in to false teachers; their motives are corrupt
- v.14- Don't boast in anything except the **cross of Christ**
 - our interest in the world has died & the world's interest in us has died
- v.15- After becoming a new creation, we must begin the **sanctification process**;
 - **Continue to turn** from our sinful way of living to Jesus' Holy way of living

v.16- Peace and mercy are upon God's new creation, the "new" Israel of God, those who **live repentant lives**

Question for Dialogue: As Jesus has chiseled sinful behaviors away from you in your spiritual growth journey, **what has that taught you about Jesus' character?**

New Living Translation

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.

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.

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.