

WEEK 6 DEVOTIONAL

June 25, 2023

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read and/or listen to Galatians 6:1–18 twice. Before and after each reading, pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scriptures. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn from?

REFLECT

- 1. What did Paul suggest would help a Christian overtaken by sin? What warning about sin should strong Christian's heed to? How can Christians support each other?
- 2. What is the antidote to self-deception? How does your view of yourself compare with God's view of you?
- 3. What encourages you to keep going in Christian service even when you feel like giving up?
- 4. In what ways should we be "crucified" to the world?
- 5. How did Paul show his love for the Galatians? How do other Christians recognize your love for them? What sacrifices are you willing to make for the cross of Christ this week?

- 6. How can you show to the world in the coming weeks that you are becoming a new creation?
- 7. What causes a person to become weary in doing good? How can we keep from becoming weary?

RESPOND

- How would you restate Paul's law of sowing and reaping in your own words? How would you evaluate your history of tithing?
 What can you do this week to help meet the needs of others outside the church?
- 2. Dive deeper into the Scriptures during our weekly Sunday Discipleship class at 10:30 a.m. at our Oak Brook Campus.

RESOURCES

The Bible Project | Introduction to Galatians

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:1–18 | New International Version

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper

time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.