Paul's Letter to the Galatian Churches – Part 6 (late 48)

Galatians 6

Spiritual Responsibilities

- 1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.
- 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. [cf. <u>1 Cor 9:19–23</u>]
- 3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- 4 But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.
- 5 For each one will bear his own load.
- 6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.
- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
- 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- 9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.
- 10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Closing Remarks

- 11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.
- 12 Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.
- 13 For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.
- 14 But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
- 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. [cf. 1 Cor 7:19]
- 16 And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.
- 17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus.
- 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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