

## Freedom To Live For Christ

**Galatians 6:6-18**

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

**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.**  
**Galatians 6:7-8**



This is the last week in the book of Galatians. Paul has adamantly made his case that we are not under the law, but under grace. We are not saved by our works, we are saved by grace through faith. Here in this last section, Paul talks about why our actions matter. If we continue to live according to the flesh, we will reap the consequence of the flesh, and if we live by the Spirit, we will receive the reward in the Spirit. Paul urges us to take every opportunity to do good; living by the Spirit. He promises that we will reap the reward in the Spirit that is eternal life.

## **Read Galatians 6:6-18 (NET)**

<sup>6</sup> Now the one who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with the one who teaches it. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived. God will not be made a fool. For a person will reap what he sows, <sup>8</sup> because the person who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So we must not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what big letters I make as I write to you with my own hand!

<sup>12</sup> Those who want to make a good showing in external matters are trying to force you to be

circumcised. They do so only to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> For those who are circumcised do not obey the law themselves, but they want you to be circumcised so that they can boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that matters is a new creation! <sup>16</sup> And all who will behave in accordance with this rule, peace and mercy be on them, and on the Israel of God.

<sup>17</sup> From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

<sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

## **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. What does it mean to sow to our flesh or sow to the Spirit?

9. What is the reward of sowing to the flesh versus sowing to the Spirit?

10. In verse 10, why does he say “especially those who belong to the family of faith?”

11. Why does Paul say he would only boast in the cross of Jesus Christ?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**Why does this MATTER to me?**

12. What are some areas you are tempted to boast in other than the cross?

13. What are some examples you have seen of sowing in the Spirit versus sowing in the flesh?

14. When in your life have you seen someone reap corruption because they sowed in the flesh?  
Does this always happen?

## **Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

## **SERMON NOTES**