

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

March 29, 2020

Good Morning! Before you go any further, take a moment to **pray** and **ask** the Holy Spirit to **prepare** your mind and heart and to **guide** your thoughts in the Bible Study. Be sure to **thank God** for His abiding presence in your life. **Pray.**

Please open your Bible to the book of **Galatians, chapter 6**. I love the book of Galatians and especially in these unusual days in which we find ourselves. I think there are some valuable lessons found in the sixth chapter of Galatians that we all need to hear. Allow me to point out several things to think about.

First of all, during these days, have a heart for others. Paul told the people then and he is telling us today to provide for those who are spiritually weak to try and help them (**read 6:1**). Paul tells us to restore a person who has fallen into a sin. How does Paul tell us to deal with a person who is living in a sinful lifestyle? _____.

But then he instructs us in **6:2** to provide for those who are weak physically. He said to “bear each other's burdens”. What compels us to bear one another's burdens? _____.

List some burdens you think others are carrying at this time? _____.

Paul in **6:3-5** urges us to avoid being prideful and thinking that we are too good to help others. **Pause for a moment, and ask God to give you a humble spirit of service.**

It's interesting to note Paul says in **verse 5** that there are some burdens that we must bear alone **but**, when possible, we should help each other. It's important and vital that during these turbulent times that we have a heart for others and not turn inward.

The challenge: Care for other people! Think of some ways that you can minister to other people in Jesus' name. Do not say or use the excuse: We are restricted or confined to home!

Read Galatians 6:7-10 and fill in the blanks . . .

Whatever a man _____, that shall he _____.

What does that mean? _____

Let us not grow _____ while _____.

What does **verse 10** admonish us to do?

Second, during these days, keep your eyes on the cross. In Galatians **6:14**, Paul said that he would never boast about anything **but the cross**. It was on the cross where Jesus took my sins, your sins, and the sins of the world away. It was on the cross where Jesus fulfilled the plan of God. It was on the cross where Jesus began the process that would lead to the resurrection and that gives us the promise of eternal life!

The challenge: How can we keep our eyes on the cross? _____.

Third, live out your faith. Galatians **6:17** reminds us that our allegiance is to Christ and that our entire lives should bear the marks of being one of His followers.

Can you remember when you were young, and something would happen that would scare you? Perhaps you thought or even said: "If I can get close to my parents, everything will be okay". And sometimes we went and snuggled in bed with them during a thunderstorm or after a nightmare. They made us feel safe. In many ways, it is like that with the Lord. Jesus has promised us He will never leave us or forsake us. Rather, **the Bible tells us to draw near to Him**. He is the one who holds all things in His hands. He is the one who says: Do you believe me? Do you trust me? Nothing catches God by surprise. He is never rattled. He still remains on the throne, and He is still in control.

A final word from the Word:

"Brothers and sisters, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with **your spirit**." **Galatians 6:18**

God says: **Have a heart for others.**

Keep your eyes on the cross.

Live out your faith.

Pray that God will help you to do these three things.

Have a great day in the Lord!

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