

Rubber Meets Road

Gal 6

1. Intro

1. Last week Paul moved us from a doctrinal position to the practical
 1. He stated that there was something that was distracting them from knowing Christ completely (adding law to salvation)
 2. He describes the natural self (5:19-20)
 3. Then he shows what it looks like to live under the control of the Spirit. (5:22-23)
2. Today he brings us to where the rubber meets the road.
 1. The fruit of the spirit is not a mystical experience (5:22-23)
3. He deals with personal relationships; support of ministries, and concludes with making much about Jesus.

2. Personal Relationships (1-5)

1. Others Burdens (1-2)
 1. Sin over takes a person like a runner overtakes a walker. (1)
 1. Peter taken in by sin (chp 1)
 2. Restoration is in order
 1. Don't point fingers, because there is temptation in front of us that may cause us to fall.
 3. Share burdens may help in the prevention of sin. (2)
 1. Law of Christ = love your neighbour.
 1. Responsibility
 2. Keeping the law of Christ is internal
2. Our Burdens (3-5)
 1. Be careful when we do self-evaluation.
 1. Are we "to good" to help someone else? (Luke 18:9-14)
 2. Our importance is based on the work of Jesus, (His grace) not on what we do.
 2. I need to look at my work in relationship to my giftedness, not comparing it to others.
 1. God's grace is given in different forms and in different measure. (1 Cor 12:4-7)
 3. Each of us our responsible for our own conduct.
 1. I can be responsible "to you", but not "for you"

3. Ministry Support(6-10)

1. Paul moves us from sharing the burdens of one another to the support of those who teach (6)
 1. Under Judaism pupils paid a tax and then the teacher was paid via the Jewish gov't.
 2. Galatian Gentiles paid for services rendered.
 3. Voluntary giving was a new concept. (heart)
 1. Bible software - paid vs free (web)
 4. If we are spiritually feed, we need to support that ministry in some way.
 1. Local ministries
 1. Pastoral, men's and ladies, youth, SS.
 2. External ministries
 1. Focus on Family, Daily Bread, radio & web broadcast.
2. He continues and talks about harvesting what we plant. (7-8)

1. To self- it will be decay and death (8a)
 1. We need to hold the things of this world very lightly in our hands.
2. To God (Spirit) it is life for the ages (8b)
3. Don't give up in doing what is right. Blessings will come from it. (9)
 1. Whenever the opportunity presents itself (10)
4. Where is our heart? (Matt. 6:21)

4. Make Much About Jesus (11-18)

1. There were those who wanted to be noticed by boasting about "their" disciples. (13b)
2. Paul says the only thing of value to boast about is Jesus Christ and the cross. (14)
 1. His interest in the world has been crucified, it is dead.
3. What matters is the new creation (heart) not the external (circumcision) (15)
4. Get on with it! (17)
 1. Devotion to Christ is shown in Paul's scars not circumcision. (17)
 2. Paul was a slave to Christ; slaves were marked with an insignia of their master.

5. Conclusion

1. How are we doing on the "personal relationship" front?
 1. Are we there to lift one another up?
2. Do you value certain ministries to help in a financial way?
 1. The principle of sowing and reaping encourages us to faithfully endure
 2. Looking ahead to the reaping of things spiritual.
3. Let's make much about Jesus. (MMAJ)