



Galatians 6:11-18: Wrapping Up

Grace and the Gospel Bible Study

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“Here is where someone wise and faithful is needed to accurately handle the word of God, someone who is capable of restraining and keeping the law within its limits. Those who teach that people are justified before God by the keeping of the law trespass the limits of the law; they confuse the two types of righteousness, the active and the passive.”

- Martin Luther, *Commentary on Saint Paul's Epistle to the Galatians*

Galatians 6:11

Who had been writing Paul's letter up to this point?

An *amanuensis* is a person employed to write or type what another dictates or to copy what has been written by another.

Romans 16:22 I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:17 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write.

Galatians 6:12-13

What were the Judaizers attempting to avoid by pushing circumcision?

Matthew 10:32-33 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Do the Judaizers keep the whole law?

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What has the circumcision of Galatian Gentiles meant for the Judaizers?

Galatians 6:14

Of what is Paul proud?

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

How does Paul relate to the world?

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 6:15

What has replaced circumcision and uncircumcision?

Romans 2:29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Psalms 51:16-17 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Galatians 6:16

For whom are the blessings of peace and mercy?

What is the Israel of God?

Galatians 4:26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

Galatians 6:17

What should stop the Judaizers' criticism of Paul?

Acts 9:16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.

Galatians 6:18

How does Paul conclude his letter to this troubled church?

What are your last thoughts on Galatians?