

Galatians Study Questions

Galatians 6:1-18

¹ Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.² Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.⁴ But let each one 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 shall bear his own load.

⁶ And let the one who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches.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 shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.⁹ And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

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 that they may 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, that they may boast in your flesh.¹⁴ But may it never be that I should 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.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.

1. *With what attitude and consideration should one approach him who is caught in sin.*
2. *What is the result of bearing "one another's burdens"?*
3. *How can someone deceive himself? Why might Paul be stating this here in this context?*
4. *Are we to bear one another's burdens or bear our own load? Be prepared to discuss this question in class.*
5. *What exactly is Paul commanding in verse six?*
6. *What shall the one who sows to the flesh reap? What about the one who sows to the Spirit?*
7. *In what should we not lose heart? Upon what condition shall we reap?*
8. *For whom are we to do good?*
9. *What were the true motives of those who were compelling the Galatian Christians to be circumcised.*
10. *In what did Paul say he should boast?*
11. *In what way was the world crucified to Paul and he to the world?*
12. *According to verse fifteen, what is not of any significance? What is of significance?*
13. *Who is "the Israel of God" upon which Paul is pronouncing peace and mercy?*
14. *What trouble might Paul be referring to in verse seventeen?*
15. *Note the blessing with which Paul closes this letter and how it compares with some of his earlier rebukes.*