

Galatians

Week 10—Close the Door When You Finish

- 1 I pray you have fallen more in love with Jesus and God’s grace than you were when we started.
- 2 I hope you understand that salvation is not earned by doing good things but comes as we believe in Jesus and what He has done for each of us.
- 3 I hope you will stop trying so hard to be perfect because your efforts are only loading up unnecessary guilt and shame.
- 4 Salvation is not about doing—it’s about believing.

(Galatians 6:1-10)

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ²Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. ³If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵For we are each responsible for our own conduct. Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them. Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. ¹⁰Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

In his letter to the Galatians, there appear to be a few really good “don’t forget” teaching moments in Paul’s final words he’s to deposit before he ends it. I’m going to highlight 4...

Restoration And Humility Are The Marks Of A Healthy Mature Christian (v.1-3)

When we fall...we need someone to pick us up.

- “...another believer is overcome”--
- “...you who are godly...”
- “...help that person back onto the right path...”

Don’t Get Trapped In Comparisons (v.4-5)

- The term used for this self-examination is *dokimazo* and it’s a blacksmithing term used for testing to approve the strength for a piece of metal for its strength.
- Paul suggests each of us should personally examine/test himself to be sure that he is what we say we are.

(Psalms 139:23-24)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

We are all lost.

You Will Reap What You Sow (v.7-8)

(Revelations 20:11-15)

11 And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. 12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave[b] gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. 14 Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. 15 And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

All of us are going to stand before God.

Leave A Legacy Before You Go (v. 9-10)

- “We have two lives, and the second begins when we realize we only have one.”--Confucius
- Who gets to tell your story when you are gone?

We have a story to tell to the generations that are coming.

Is my relationship to God well?

Does my family know I love them?