

Galatians 6 Translation and Outline

1 Brothers, if indeed a man is detected in some trespass, you the spiritual ones restore such a man in a spirit of gentleness, watching himself that he might not be tempted also. 2 Bear the burdens of one another, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For it anyone seems to be something, while nothing, he deceives himself. 4 And let each examine his own work, and then he will have celebration unto himself alone, and not another. 5 For each one will bear his own burden. 6 And let the one who is instructed the word share all good things with the one who instructs. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this also he will reap. 8 Because the one who sows unto his own flesh, from the flesh will reap corruption; but the one who sows unto the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap life eternal. 9 Now while doing the good let us not despair; for not giving up we will reap in season. 10 Therefore, as we have a season, let us work the good to all, and especially to those of the household of the faith. 11 Look at how large letters I wrote to you by my hand. 12 As many as want to put on a good face in the flesh, these compel you to be circumcised, that they might not be persecuted at the cross of Christ. 13 For it is not those who are circumcised who keep the Law, but those who want you to be circumcised, that they might boast in your flesh. 14 But may it not be for me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; through Whom the world was crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision prevails anything or uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 And as many as line up according to this rule, peace upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. 17 For the rest, let no one belabor me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers, Amen.

- 1A The application of gentleness to the restoration of sinners, 1 Brothers, if indeed a man is detected in some trespass, you the spiritual ones restore such a man in a spirit of gentleness, watching himself that he might not be tempted also.
- 2A The application of kindness to care within the body, 2 Bear the burdens of one another, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- 3A The application of grace and humility, goodness, vv.3-5:
 - 1B The danger of self-deception, 3 For it anyone seems to be something, while nothing, he deceives himself.
 - 2B The necessity of self-examination, 4 And let each examine his own work, and then he will have celebration unto himself alone, and not another.
 - 3B The principle of personal responsibility, 5 For each one will bear his own burden.
- 4A Sharing with the instructors of the church, vv.6-10:
 - 1B The exhortation to share with instructors, 6 And let the one who is instructed the word share all good things with the one who instructs.
 - 2B The warning to the sowers, 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this also he will reap.

- 3B The result of parsimony, 8 Because the one who sows unto his own flesh, from the flesh will reap corruption; but the one who sows unto the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap life eternal.
- 4B The exhortation to persist in doing good, 9 Now while doing the good let us not despair; for not giving up we will reap in season.
- 5B The exhortation to work the good, 10 Therefore, as we have a season, let us work the good to all, and especially to those of the household of the faith.
- 5A Call to look at the size of Paul's writing, 11 Look at how large letters I wrote to you by my hand.
- 6A Final exhortation regarding circumcision, vv.12-17:
 - 1B The motives of the Judaizers, vv.12-13:
 - 1C The motive of good appearances, 12 As many as want to put on a good face in the flesh, these compel you to be circumcised, that they might not be persecuted at the cross of Christ.
 - 2C The motive of boasting in the flesh of others, 13 For it is not those who are circumcised who keep the Law, but those who want you to be circumcised, that they might boast in your flesh.
 - 2B The supremacy of the cross and the new creation, vv.14-17:
 - 1C Paul's exclusive boasting, 14 But may it not be for me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; through Whom the world was crucified to me, and I to the world.
 - 2C The prevalence of the new creation, 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision prevails anything or uncircumcision, but a new creation.
 - 3C The application of the new creation, 16 And as many as line up according to this rule, peace upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.
 - 4C The superior testimony of the persecution of Paul, 17 For the rest, let no one belabor me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord.
- 7A Final greeting, 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers, Amen.