

Review: ch 5- 6 practical.

Chapter 6: 1-5: Bearing burdens

6:6-10--Sowing

6:11 --Emphasis

6:12-17 The Cross and its effects.

6:18--Commendation.

Contrast end ch5 (those char. by practising evil) to start of ch.6. (one offence)

vv. 1-5: Overtaken- sudden ; e.g. Peter; Trespass-- lying and denying the Lord; Restored, mended- by the Lord; Meekness: Matt 11:28-Char of Christ; spiritual man shows the fruit of the Spirit. 5:22,23.

Ye- (you)- plural; two or more. Strength in numbers

Thou; thyself-- singular-- each one to consider himself as an individual.

v. 2--Bearing- the weaknesses- the law of Christ - that ye love o.a. Jn. 13:34; 15:24.

This law is empowered to us by:

the Holy Spirit; directing us to Christ

the Word of God;

the Divine Nature. (2 Peter 1:4) All work together.

The law of Moses- keep the law to get life; the law of Christ -instruction for those who have life.

vv. 3-5--deceiving oneself as to fulfilling the law of Christ;

Proving one's own work as to fulfilling the law of Christ

Bearing one's own responsibility (burden) w.r.t the law of Christ.

Vv. 6-10--sowing- w.r.t the teachers of the Word

The fleshly and spiritual harvest. The blessings of eternal life here and now include: seeing others and self grow in the things of God; seeing others brought to Christ; getting to know God and Jesus Christ better.

Due season--keep at it. things take time; God's timing; do not expect instant results.

Doing good; physically helping; and spiritually. Eg. Christ and His service.

V6., 10 -- good things -agathos-- good acts, deeds. Practical.

V.9-- well doing-- kalos-- beautiful in character.

V:11- Emphasis;- large letters; authentication; my own hand.

V1,13--. Circumcision_ creates a good impression; enables one to glory in the flesh.

No one keeps the law.

V.14--Glorying in the cross, which separates us from the world.. Two crucifixions.

Paul rejects the world and vice-versa.

V.15-- the new creation, which negates all other distinctions: 2 Cor 5:17,18. All things of God, nothing of man.

Vv.16.-- walk- "order your steps." Cf. 5:25 also Ac21:24;Ro4:12;Ph3:16.

This rule-- the rule of the cross and the new creation.

Results in peace in the life and between persons; and mercy from God.

The Israel of God: either the whole church (JH) or the believing remnant of Israel.

V.17--- Paul had paid his dues and more- the scars of the abuse he suffered. He took the stigmata as from the Lord Jesus.

V.18. Brethren: his final salute. Grace - cf. 1:3,6: last noun in WoG Rev 22:21; your spirit - collective. Paul sought their deliverance in His grace. Heb 13:9- the heart established.