

Galatians 6:11-18 – A Last Reminder and Entreaty

Introduction:

- Paul has warned the Galatians against getting drawn into legalism and has encouraged them to live by the spirit instead of the flesh.

Summing Up Paul's Concerns for the Galatians

- Even Paul's penmanship shows his concern. (6:11)
- Those who are trying to make you become legalistic are chiefly concerned with making themselves look _____ and giving themselves something to _____ about. (6:12-13)

The Work of Christ and the New Creation

- But Paul wishes only to _____ in Christ (6:14a)
- Through Christ, the world has been _____ to Paul and Paul to the world (6:14b)
- What matters is not keeping the _____ but being created anew. (6:15)
- Blessings on those who live according to the Spirit (6:16-18)

Questions about Galatians

- Why does Paul stress that he did not receive the gospel "second-hand"?
- How does tolerating legalism hurt new believers?
- Why does faith in Christ remove boundaries between kinds of people?
- Why would a false teacher want to make disciples feel like they control access to the truth? (see Matthew 23:13)
- Why might it be easier to accept a code of conduct than to have a heart that is right with God and be guided by love and the Holy Spirit?
- Why can't living by the Law help bring out the fruit of the Spirit?
- If the Spirit of God is living in us, why do we have to be reminded to "do good"?