Message Outline



Galatians 6:1-10 NKJV

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load. 6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Introduction
Believers have the Great Commission: something like, "Go therefore and multiply my tree, and teach these branches how to truly be fruitful, by obeying my commands."

This is the kind of fruit that will last. It is the kind of fruit that has an eternal value. And it is this fruit we ourselves will be blessed by and have treasure in.

Paul is going to teach us how to have a harvest in your life, which will last into eternity.

Abraham
According to Acts 7:2, in Mesopotamia, Abraham became a believer in our God.
At that moment, in Mesopotamia, "Was his faith journey done yet?" *No*, he had more to go.

Faith has a beginning, faith results in immediate changes in one's life, but faith in God continues to influence the life of a believer for the rest of their lives by choice.

We all go through a period of time that our faith has its ups and downs.

In **Genesis 15**, after he is victorious in battle, God tells Abraham, v.1,
"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

Do you know what he does next? Hestill gets worried about not having an heir.
vv.5-6, *"Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness."*

Was he righteous? Yes. Why? Faith. Was he done yet? No.

In a momentary lack of faith, he sleeps with Hagar, in order to fulfill the promise *himself.*
Does he reap negative consequences? Yes: His relationship with his wife is forever marred.
However, he took care of his family and Abraham was blessed in all things (Genesis 24:1).

Each of us will have challenges to our faith: hits and misses of fulfilling the law of Christ.

And like Abraham who knew Jesus, and saw Jesus' day as he says in John 8:56, we will be saved believers as promised. And also like him, we will struggle in various ways.

We may take things into our own hands in moments of a lack of faith.

But we have a promise: *He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ!* **Philippians 1:6**

Mission Motivation
After Paul tells them to watch out for anyone who is "overtaken in any trespass."

Paul says, the spiritual people are those who are to restore the fallen one.
To be Spiritual is what? Christlikeness.

Yet this person still needs to be careful, as they too could be overtaken and captured by sin.
We need to reach out to them but if you may need backup.

This is why we are in Small Groups, and why we have Biblical Counseling, and why we have pastoral staff at TBC. These are there to help people in such situations.

Messianic Motivation
To fulfill the law of Christ: the "what to do" as followers of Jesus Christ.

We need to see the ministry needs of people, and choose to respond to that need by helping them.

Philippians 2:3 *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*

However, there are traps.

We hear a brother or sister in Christ has committed sin. **"Glad it wasn't me!" trap.**

But *"if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself."* **This is pride.**
Paul gives us a proper response: **to examine our own work.**

Don't think that it is ourselves or work that sustains us, it is the grace of God that is.

The **"They can't do anything without me!" trap.**

If so, you lose your reward. Instead, think of how much of a slave we became serving others.

Now this seems like a lot of work, so Paul thankfully gave us another instruction to help us.
He tells us that we still are responsible for the things the Lord has called us to do.

We must keep our own needs as a priority: ourselves, family, and duties.

Simply, **church ministry should not become an excuse to ignore these.**

v.6: teachers of the word of God also deserve help and being shared with.
The ministry of preaching of the word of God and ministry—**both need to happen.**

How are we supposed to multiply without preaching the word of God? And how are we supposed to be fruitful with our love, without being taught what to do?

Small Groups.

Do you want to become Christlike? Do you want to experience spiritual growth? How do you do that without being around other believers? You can't. Contact: https://t-b-c.us/sgm

More Motivation
See Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, is moving in and out two concepts: Faith and works.

Through FAITH, our salvation is a done deal, but faith is active walking in the Spirit.

UNIVERSAL TRUTH: You reap what you sow.

Now there are only two kinds of fruit we can grow: bad fruit and good fruit.

Galatians 5:17 *- For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

You can produce a mixture of the old and the new, good and bad, right now believer.
It is your choice which fruit you will produce, and result in what you will harvest.

So walk in the Spirit to produce the good fruit God desires.

Higher Levels
It takes wisdom NOW to make the better choice. How can we make better choices?

The answer to that is the same as what got you saved, it is by YOUR faith.

God is not taking a blind eye—overlooking our wrongdoings. *He will not be mocked.*

Do you know WHO are you serving? Do you know WHAT your rewards are?

Because the smaller these are, the smaller your motivation will be, and the greater these are the greater your reward will be.

Colossians 3:23-24
23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

The question is: WHAT are you expecting and WHO are you serving?

Conclusion
Like Abraham, believer, fix your eyes on the Spiritual harvest, and fix your eyes on our God and Savior, that you can now see by faith. Genesis 15:1 that was promised to him, is promised to us:
"Do not be afraid, you believers in Jesus Christ. Jesus is your shield, your very great reward."

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **John 3:16**

Let me invite you to put your faith in Jesus Christ.

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