

Study 17
Galatians 6:6-18

1. What is the spiritual principle that Paul espouses in Gal 6:7? In the context of this passage, why is he mentioning this at this juncture?
2. Based on the principle which Paul espouses of reaping what one sows what is the role of social work in church? Isn't the mission of the church evangelism and the gospel? Wouldn't the church be distracted from its core mission if social work is strongly in its activities?
3. Why is the spiritual principle of sowing and reaping mentioned in the context of believers trying to deceive God?
4. Just by reading "*Galatians 6:8 (ESV) 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life*" is the issue Paul is addressing here about rewards in heaven or the issue of salvation? Does this mean that social action in helping the poor will result in "reap" eternal life? Isn't this salvation by works?

5. What are the motives of the false teachers in Galatia?

b) Reflection question. Can you share if you know of any churches where such leaders are blatantly at work? What can be done in those situations?

6. a) When Paul mentions boasting in the cross what does he mean?

b) Discussion Question. Does this mean that whenever we meet friends we are to brag about Him? How do we practically boast in Him?

Takeaway

Christians are called to support their teachers, sow to the Spirit for eternal rewards, and persist in doing good. True freedom is found in Christ alone, not in outward religious works, and our only boast should be in His cross.