

Galatians 6 5-11-14

I. Introduction

- A. Paul finishes the Galatian letter
- B. Paul's message about the Gospel

- 1. The Gospel of Christ is once for all

Jude 1:3 Beloved I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints

- 2. The Gospel's revelation is only from Christ

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds

- C. 2 Choices - Christ Covenant or Moses Covenant

- 1. All covenants are a Law and a Promise
 - a. Moses - Law of Moses, Promised Land
 - b. Christ - Law of Christ, Grace
- 2. Pertaining to the Law of Moses:

- a. There was no promise remaining
 - (1) Zechariah 11:9, Deut. 30:19
- b. A second promise had nullified it

- 3. Paul explains this with 2 allegories

- a. Hagar the slave
- b. Sarah the mother of faith

- D. 2 Choices - the Spirit or the flesh

- 1. The choices of Christ or Moses are about the flesh or the spirit
 - a. We can choose the flesh by serving it (Works of the flesh)
 - b. We can choose the spirit by serving others (Fruit of the Spirit)

- 2. This is the Liberty of the Law of Christ (James 2:15)

- a. Serving God
- b. Serving Man

II. Fulfill the Law of Christ

- A. In Love

- 1. The Law of Christ is fulfilled in Love

Rom 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Rom 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Ga 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jas 2:8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;

- 2. We are commanded to bear one another's burdens

- a. It can refer to weaknesses; bear with one another to aid in overcoming sin

2 Tim 2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

Rom 15:1 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

3. We are commanded to aid all men
 - a. Not as a work of the church, but part of our bearing our load
- B. Bearing our own load

1. Our own load = our own salvation
 - a. Matthew 11:30: Take the yoke of Christ
 - b. Philippians 2:12: Work out your own salvation
2. Self-examination

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? --unless indeed you are disqualified.

- a. What we sow is what we reap
- b. Spiritual Fruit or works of the flesh

III. What Is important

- A. Nothing we do can create our salvation
 1. Christ has done the work
 2. We must confirm ourselves to Him by obedience
- B. If there is nothing we can do that is the power of salvation, then
 1. There can be no pride in being in Christ
 2. Obedience to the gospel is humility, not pride

IV. Conclusion of Galatians

- A. There is nothing that can compare to the adoption by the Grace of God
 1. Nothing worth exchanging it
- B. When we turn to other acts of righteousness, we are exchanging our salvation
 1. Only EXACTLY as Christ patterns us is salvation
- C. Our salvation is contingent on our Love for our fellows
 1. As in Matthew 25