

“Holy Spirit-led Care for Each Other in the Church”

Galatians 5:25- 6:5 November 1, 2020

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Book Context- The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit through God’s grace without following the law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves on to prove this by showing the background of God’s covenant with Abraham prior to Moses. The Law came after God’s promise to Moses and was to last **until** Jesus arrived. Everyone who expresses faith have become heirs of God’s original promise. Paul moves from biblical and logical argument to personal friendship based on integrity and mutual love. We are reminded again that we are not under the law which is a form of slavery. We are **free** children, like Isaac, through the Spirit. If you seek to trust in the law, you are cut off from Christ and salvation. We need to be aware of those that seek to hinder us from trusting in the grace of the cross. Obedience is the natural fruit of faith in the gospel of grace which is led by the Holy Spirit. As we rely on Him moment by moment, we will not be fleshy. Instead we will be obedient, humble, and loving to our fellow Christians.

Background Texts: John 13:35; 1 John 3:14; 4:20; 2:10; Luke 15:11-32; 18:9

LESSON 1- Spiritual care in the church can only happen through the SPIRIT

- A. Spiritual care in the church occurs through Holy Spirit OBEDIENCE (Gal 5:25- accordance with; 5:16-walking in; 5:18- led by)
- B. Spiritual care in the church occurs through Holy Spirit HUMILITY (Gal 5:26; 6:3; no conceit, provoking, envy- Prov 24:17; **Luke 18:9-14**)
- C. Spiritual care in the church occurs through Holy Spirit LOVE (Gal 5:22; 6:2- “law of Christ”- John 13:35; **1 John 3:11-18; 2:10-11**)

Theological Application:

1. *God constantly asks us whether we are being Spirit led and are characterized by being obedient (faith), loving, and humble (Matt 11:29; **9:10-13**; 11:19; Luke 5:29; 19:7; 15:2, 15:11-32; 7:34-47).*
2. *God also asks whether we are truly a community Christian or are we living isolated. Don’t wait for others to make the first move!*
3. *God wants us to know that we are responsible for own kingdom efforts and will not be compared to anyone else (Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:5-15.)*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciple