

GOD'S GOSPEL
of GRACE

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

Scripture Reading

GALATIANS 6:14–18

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“We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

—*Galatians 2:16*

“I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.”

—*Galatians 2:20*

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 - In chapters 3–4, Paul wrote *theologically*:
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“God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under
the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption....”

—*Galatians 4:4–5*

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 - In chapters 5–6, Paul wrote *practically*:
“Those who trust God's Son are given God's Spirit who leads them to fight their sinful desires and to bear the fruit of love.”

“Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify
the desires of the flesh.”

—*Galatians 5:16*

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control; against
such things there is no law.”

—*Galatians 5:22–23*

THE MAIN POINT OF GALATIANS 6:11–14

Obeying God's law can't save you—
God's law should drive you to trust God's Son
who alone can reconcile you to God and
give you God's Spirit who alone
can transform your heart.

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3. Christian, remember that you continually need God's grace—and you'll forever experience it (6:16-18).

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“If you are Christ’s,
then you are Abraham’s offspring,
heirs according to promise.”

—*Galatians 3:29*

“I know [you’re enduring] the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not....”

—*Jesus in Revelation 2:9; 3:9*

“Not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring....”

—*Paul in Romans 9:6-7 (see also Romans 2:28-29)*

“We are the real circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus....”

—*Paul in Philippians 3:3*

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