

## **Section 9, Galatians 6:6-6:18**

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### **Section 7, Galatians 5:2-5:15 Review**

Shaul begins by saying that there is nothing to be profited by adult male circumcision – because of the extreme danger involved. If we think about it, those who were pushing circumcision were causing the deaths of sincere believers who listened to their misapplied application of the Torah. We know that the Torah teaches us to save lives. Those who don't listen to the Torah and get circumcised transgress the Torah. The Messiah does not want us to live by misapplied laws. Instead, faith working by benevolent love strengthens us.

They started out well when they first believed in the Messiah Yeshua. Who hindered them from keeping the Torah the way it was supposed to be understood? Those who persuaded them not to obey the Torah have not been sent by the Messiah Yeshua. Listening to those who don't obey the Torah will only expand this wrong teaching. Shaul urges them to be faithful to the Torah; God will judge those who don't keep the Torah no matter who they are.

Shaul teaches that male babies are to be circumcised. He wonders why he is still being persecuted and snidely remarks that perhaps circumcision has now replaced the offense of Yeshua dying on a stake. He wished those who were teaching this wrong doctrine concerning circumcision would cut off their own. They (the Nazarene Jews) have been freed from the misapplied laws, don't sin, and lovingly serve each other.

We finish this section with Shaul saying they should not wound each other by fighting over misapplied man-made laws. Shaul does not want them hurting their relationships over misapplied man-made laws. Shaul quotes Leviticus 19:18 NKJV and says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

### **Section 8, Galatians 5:16-6:5 Review**

Instead of arguing over man-made laws, be led by the Holy Spirit. Misapplied Man-made laws are a desire of the flesh; they are not from God. These misapplied man-made laws keep us from following the Torah the way we are supposed to. If we are being led by the Holy Spirit, we are not the agency for misapplied man-made laws.

Shaul lists a number of sinful acts. He had just equated the misapplied man-made laws as works of the flesh. He lists more works of the flesh and says that those who do those things will not be part of the future kingdom of God. We could speculate that those who are causing the death of others by telling them

to be circumcised are in danger of also being sent to the lake of fire. Shaul said previously as well as in Galatians that those who do these works of the flesh will not be part of the future kingdom of God: "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;" Galatians 5:19-21a NKJV.

In contrast, the working of the Holy Spirit produces (fruit), "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Galatians 5:22-23a. There is no law against the work of the Holy Spirit. Those who belong to the Messiah have put away (put to death) the fleshy sinful things that you once longed for. The Holy Spirit gives us life (Just as God's commandments gives us life, "Fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good;" Deuteronomy 10 12-13 NKJV; also see Deuteronomy 6:2).

We should not have a high opinion of ourselves which can irritate others and cause jealousy. My fellow Jewish (Nazarene)<sup>1</sup> believers, if you see a person getting into any sinful behavior, you the (godly) spiritual person should try to restore the other person in a gentle and mild manner. Look to yourself so that you avoid also being tested. Carry one another's loads, doing what the Messiah would have done. If anyone thinks themselves to be something they are not, they mislead themselves. Let everyone inspect their own efforts and labors so that they can be satisfied in what they have accomplished and not in what others do. Everyone shall carry their own obligations.

**The summaries** at the end of each section **are not intended to be a translation**, but intended to integrate the correct understanding from the text. I used the New King James Version to study Galatians because I can see a corresponding English word translated from each Greek word used in the Greek text (the Greek text is made by consensus from manuscripts and then translated into English).<sup>2</sup> This allows me to find the **ancient context which is immersed in a Jewish biblical context**.

### Here is a possible good way to use this resource:

Read the scripture for that part

Read the Explanation

Answer the questions at the end (answers are provided).

\*Some of us have learned Galatians without its context and don't understand it properly. Memorize some of the points of context so you can remember what the sections are really about. Be able to explain them to someone.

<b>Keep God's commandments – Galatians 6:6-6:10</b>	
<b>Explanation</b>	<b>New King James Version</b>
Galatians 6:6	Galatians 6:6

<sup>1</sup> Those who were in the line of David left Bethlehem for their safety (to get away from Herod) and settled in Nazareth. Netzer refers to a shoot that comes from a plant that creates a new plant. The descendants of David who lived in Nazareth were a netzer of the line of David. This prophetic verse refers to the Messiah and the word branch is this Hebrew word netzer. "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots;" Isaiah 11:1 NKJV. Nazarene Judaism was considered a branch of Judaism at the time of Shaul. They considered Shaul a Jewish leader in Acts 23:6-7. They didn't argue over whether or not he was Jewish, but about the resurrection.

<sup>2</sup> Of course, the translators also readjust the word order as the Greek text does not translate exactly as the English translation. Also, they try to make for an easy word flow by substituting repetitive words in the Greek to give the translation a better feel, but they don't tell us what the contextual issues were.

<p>Those who are taught how to think (with the reasoning concerning the Torah) partake in the good with them who teaches. So, keep God's commandments so that you may partake of the good.</p> <p>This scripture is about being doers of the word and not just hearers of what is taught as Ya'akov says in James 1:22. The immediate following context is also about doing what is right. Also see 1 Timothy 4:13.</p>	<p>6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.</p>
<p>Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived and go astray; God will not be ridiculed. Whatever a person does (sows) will be its end result (whether good or bad).</p>	<p>Galatians 6:7 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.</p>
<p>Galatians 6:8 A person that goes by their fleshly nature will result in fleshly things that will perish, but those who do things by their godly spiritual nature will result in everlasting life.</p> <p>The usage of flesh referring to adult circumcision would come to mind.</p>	<p>Galatians 6:8 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.</p>
<p>Galatians 6:9 Moreover, let us not become weary in keeping God's commandments (doing good), for at the appropriate time (that is decided by God), our good will result in eternal life if we do not lose heart (of who we are).</p> <p>The context from verse 8 is about eternal life.</p>	<p>Galatians 6:9 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.</p>
<p>Galatians 6:10 As we have opportunity, let us apply God's commandments properly towards everyone; be especially concerned with doing what is right towards those who are Jewish believers (namely, Nazarene Jews and treating them as family).</p> <p>Household refers to Jewish believers in the Messiah. They were considered a sect of Judaism called Nazarene Jews. We might consider doing something for an unbeliever, but we should especially regard what the Torah says in helping our fellow believers.</p>	<p>Galatians 6:10 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.</p>

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Those who are taught how to think (with the reasoning concerning the Torah) partake in the good with them who teaches. So, keep God's commandments so that you may partake of the good.

#### Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived and go astray; God will not be ridiculed. Whatever a person does (sows) will be its end result (whether good or bad).

#### Galatians 6:8

A person that goes by their fleshly nature will result in fleshly things that will perish, but those who do things by their godly spiritual nature will result in everlasting life.

## Galatians 6:9

Moreover, let us not become weary in keeping God's commandments (doing good), for at the appropriate time (that is decided by God), our good will result in eternal life if we do not lose heart (of who we are).

## Galatians 6:10

As we have opportunity, let us apply God's commandments properly towards everyone; be especially concerned with doing what is right towards those who are Jewish believers (namely, Nazarene Jews and treating them as family).

<b>Guard the Torah (law) – Galatians 6:11-13</b>	
<b>Explanation</b>	<b>New King James Version</b>
Galatians 6:11 Shaul wrote this letter with his own handwriting which was larger than usual due to his eye problem (Galatians 4:15).	Galatians 6:11 11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!
Galatians 6:12 Some want to look good in fleshly things and to say adult circumcision is necessary. They don't want to be persecuted for the stake the Messiah died on.	Galatians 6:12 12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.
Galatians 6:13 Those that are circumcised don't guard the Torah. They want you to be circumcised just so they can vaunt themselves over what you have done.  The wording is a little confusing in English. Keep means to guard from the Hebrew word shamar.	Galatians 6:13 13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

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<b>Be a new person (born again) – Galatians 6:14-16a</b>	
<b>Explanation</b>	<b>New King James Version</b>
Galatians 6:14	Galatians 6:14

God forbid that I (Shaul) should boast about anything except in the execution stake of our God, Yeshua the Messiah. Through Yeshua, the world has been put to death to me, and I to the world.	14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
Galatians 6:15 For in the Messiah Yeshua, circumcision or uncircumcision doesn't accomplish anything, but a new person is our aim.  Shaul talks about us being a new person; one who keeps God's commandments by the power of the Holy Spirit, being born again.	Galatians 6:15 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.
Galatians 6:16a We should live by this rule, renewing our minds (Romans 12:12-2).	16a And as many as walk according to this rule,

Galatians 6:14

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Galatians 6:16a

We should live by this rule, renewing our minds (Romans 12:12-2).

<b>Closing – Galatians 6:16b-18</b>	
<b>Explanation</b>	<b>New King James Version</b>
Galatians 6:16b The all-encompassing peace of God and His enduring mercy upon those who live in newness of life (Romans 6:4) and upon those of Israel who believe in God and the Messiah.	Galatians 6:16v Peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.
Galatians 6:17 From now on don't let anyone cause me trouble. I show the marks (from persecution) that I have given my life to God Yeshua.  The marks he is talking about are marks he received being persecuted (2 Corinthians 11:23-30). He is boasting in being a slave for Yeshua. Slaves were often branded	Galatians 6:17 17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.
Galatians 6:18 To my family (of believers), the favor between our God Yeshua Messiah and your spirit. God is a faithful king (amen).  Brethren refers to the Jewish family. Gentiles joined the Jewish family of believers. Grace is the favor of God throughout all of time. Amen is a Jewish acronym for God is a faithful king. He is pronouncing a Jewish blessing.	Galatians 6:18 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Galatians 6:16b

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Galatians 6:17

From now on don't let anyone cause me trouble. I show the marks (from persecution) that I have given my life to God Yeshua.

Galatians 6:18

To my family (of Jewish Nazarene believers), the favor between our God Yeshua Messiah and your spirit. God is a faithful king (amen).

### **Written Summary of Section 9, Galatians 6:6-6:18**

**What Jewish ideas does Shaul use in this section?**

**There are a number of Messianic points in this section. Can you name some?**

#### **Questions**

**Can you name the 3 main points Shaul is making in this section?**

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