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2. (a) In what does Paul say he glories? (Galatians 6:14) _____
(b) What does Paul say the cross of Jesus has done for him, personally? (same verse) _____

3. (a) What is it, that avails in Christ Jesus from Galatians 6:15? _____
(b) What is the results of being a new creature in Christ Jesus? (Galatians 6:16) _____

4. Why do you think this verse, in Galatians 6:16 adds *and upon the Israel of God*, which seems to be related to our being a new creature? _____

From now on Paul desires that mercy and peace be upon himself with no man troubling him, because he has suffered much for the cause of Christ (Galatians 6:17; II Corinthians 1:5; 11:23-25).

5. What does Paul say he bears in his body? (Galatians 6:17) _____

In closing, Paul speaks the blessing of *the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to be with their spirit. Amen* (Galatians 6:18).

SIXTH STUDY

CHRISTIAN LOVE

CONSIDER THYSELF (Galatians 6:1-5)

If a person be *overtaken* and detected in a mortal fall or a fall from truth and grace, ye which are spiritual, restore or bring him back to his place in Christ in the spirit of meekness (Galatians 6:1).

1. In the last part of this verse (Galatians 6:1), Paul gives a warning. What is it? _____

2. How do we fulfill the law of Christ? (Galatians 6:2) _____
3. How does a man deceive himself? (Galatians 6:3) _____

We should never see ourselves above that same fall; but we are to test or prove our own works and then if they give us any reason for rejoicing, we should do it in ourselves and not be comparing ourselves with another; for every man shall bear his own responsibility or ministry (Galatians 6:4,5).

SUPPORT OF TEACHERS (Galatians 6:6)

Not only is Christian love seen as a caring identification with those who have fallen into sin, but it is also manifested in a more extensive sharing in the fellowship. This can be seen practically in the believers relationship to his teachers--**Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that**

teacheth (6). The word **communicate** (*koinoneo*) means “to share” or “participate,” even as a partner. Thus the man of faith, having received instruction in the gospel from his teachers, was under obligation to share with them **all good things**. This is interpreted to mean primarily material and financial support. They were to share their possessions in return for what had been given to them (cf. Rom.15:27). ¹

SOWING AND REAPING (Galatians 6:7-10)

We are instructed in the parable of Jesus in Mark 4, to sow in good ground to produce a fruitful harvest. Now, in Galatians 6:8, we are counseled by Paul, that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall we also reap.

1. (a) To what does Paul teach that we should sow? (Galatians 6:8) _____

(b) What does he reap that sows to the flesh? (same verse) _____

And let us not be weary in the sowing of well doing: for in due (or the appointed) season we shall reap what we sow, if we don't faint (Galatians 6:9,10).

2. (a) To what group of people are we instructed, especially, to sow good (*well doing*)? (Galatians 6:10) _____

(b) Does this mean we are only to do good to the _____

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, volume 9, p. 116, 117.

household of faith? (same verse) _____
PERSONAL AND CLOSING REMARKS (Galatians 6:11-18)

Paul, in Galatians 6:11, makes a personal comment concerning the writing of this portion of Galatians. (1) Some say he suffered an infirmity or sickness in his eyes which caused him to write with large letters, so as to see them; (2) while others say he usually used a scribe or secretary to write down his thoughts but was writing this portion himself. I seem to lean to the latter explanation, for in I Corinthians 16:21 we read, *The salutation of me, Paul, in mine own hand* (see Colossians 4:18; II Thessalonians 3:17). Then, we read in Romans 16:22, *I Tertius, who wrote this epistle* (for Paul [see Romans 1:1]), *salute you in the Lord*. So at times others wrote for Paul. The writings were in Paul's own words as the Holy Spirit led him, but he did use those who did the script or handwriting.

Paul quickly moves back into the subject of circumcision with some final comments (Galatians 6:12-16).

1. What reasons does Paul give in Galatians 6:12, 13, that causes those who want to persuade the Galatian believers into being circumcised to do so? _____

