

## GALATIANS 10

1. As Christians, what has freed us?

-Belief in Christ alone.

2. What is the difference between the way of the flesh and the way of God?

-The way of the flesh depends on our own strength, our own wisdom, and our own work.

-The way of God, however, is to depend on His strength, His wisdom, and His work in our lives.

3. For Christians, why is it easy for us to return to the way of the flesh?

-Because we always depended on our own strength, our own wisdom, and our own work before we were freed by Christ.

4. How can God be completely God in our lives?

-We must continually ask Him to do so.

5. How do we not gratify the desires of the flesh?

-By asking and allowing the Holy Spirit of God to live His life through us.

6. Who alone is more powerful than the desires of our flesh?

-Only God the Holy Spirit living in us.

7. How long will every Christian have this battle with

the flesh?

-For as long as we live on earth.

8. If our flesh with its passions and desires has been crucified, then why do we continue to sin?

-While the flesh is crucified when we believe in Christ, the death of the flesh will only be complete when God takes us to heaven.

-In this last lesson in the book of Galatians, the Word of God teaches us how to be a family of God.

Let's read Galatians 6:1

1-Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

-Christians will continue to sin until God takes us to heaven.

-Some Christians may say that they do not sin, but God, writing to Christians, says this:

-“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8).

-Only two verses later, the Word of God says this:

-“If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.”

-When we sin, what does God tell us to do?

-We confess our sins.

-1 John 1:9 says this:

-“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

-What should others in the family of Christ do when we sin?

-When we sin, it is like falling to the ground, and others in the family of Christ should gently help us to get back up to our feet.

-When we gently help others to get back up to their feet, we should also watch ourselves.

-This is because we may become proud and think that we cannot fall like the brother or sister in Christ who has fallen.

-Pride hurts us very much, and if we think that we cannot be tempted as other Christians are tempted, we will fall like them one day.

Let's read Galatians 6:2

2-Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

-What is the law of Christ?

-As the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-39:

-“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

-In summary, the law of Christ is to love God and to love others.

-It is when we help carry other people's burdens that we fulfill the law of Christ.

-How do we carry other people's burdens?

-When people are sick, we can visit them and pray for them.

-When people are sad, we can visit encourage them with the Word of God.

-When people need help, we can help them.

-Here is an illustration:

-When you are walking to market and have a heavy load, it is very difficult.

-If someone, however, is walking next to you, and is helping you to carry the load, it is much easier.

Let's read Galatians 6:3

3-If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.

-While Satan and the world are our enemies, our flesh or our old ways and habits may be our greatest enemy.

-This is because we can quickly see when Satan or the world is hurting us, but not quickly see when our old ways and habits are hurting us.

-It is easy to become proud, and when we become proud, then we may think that we are more important than others.

-We may even think that we are more important than God.

-Is anyone more important than God?

-No.

Let's read Galatians 6:4

4-Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,

-As Christians, we should never compare ourselves to other Christians.

-What happens when we compare ourselves with others, and think that we are better or more important than they are?

-We hurt ourselves with pride and hurt others by putting ourselves over them.

-What happens when we compare ourselves with others, and think that we are not as important as they are?

-We hurt ourselves by thinking that God does not love us as much as He loves others.

-God loves all of His children, and there is no one unimportant in the family of God.

Let's read Galatians 6:5

5-For each one should carry their own load.

-When one member of a family does not help, then others in the family must do more work.

-If, however, everyone in the family works, then it is easier for everyone in the family.

-For those whom God has made strong, God has given them a heavier load.

-For those who are not as strong, God has given them a lighter load.

-We should all, however, carry the load that our God gives to us.

-There should be no one in the family of God who thinks that they do not have to carry a load.

Let's read Galatians 6:6

6-Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

-When God teaches us a truth from the Word of God, we should share it with others.

-This is because God teaches a person one truth, and then, He will teach another person another truth.

-It is when brothers and sisters in Christ share with one another truths from the Word of God which God has taught them that we become a stronger family in Christ.

-Some Christians believe that this verse says that those who teach the Word of God should be cared for by those who are being taught.

-The Lord Jesus Himself said that "the worker deserves his wages" (Luke 10:7).

Let's read Galatians 6:7-8

7-Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

8-Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

-As Christians, we can be deceived by false teaching.

-This is why we must study and know the Word of God so that we will not be deceived.

-As Christians, we can also mock God by thinking that we will not reap sin if we sow sin.

-If we sow to please the flesh, then our harvest will be destruction.

-While true Christians cannot lose their salvation, if we allow the flesh to have control, then our work will be destroyed.

-If, however, we sow to please the Holy Spirit, then our harvest will be eternal life.

Let's read Galatians 6:9-10

9-Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

10-Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

-Is it possible for Christians to become tired in doing good?

-Yes.

-Sometimes we help other people, but they are not nice to us, and we become tired of helping them.

-Sometimes we help others many times, but they are never thankful, and we become tired of helping them.

-If we work for people and they are not thankful, it is easy to become tired.

-This is why we must do our work for God when we are helping others.

-Even if the people are not thankful, that is their problem, and not our problem.

-Even if the people are not thankful, God will give us a harvest that is much better than anything that people can give us.

-While we should help all people, God wants us to make sure that we help other Christians.

Let's read Galatians 6:11

11-See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

-With this verse, we understand that this letter was not written by Paul's hand, but rather by a scribe.

-Does this mean that this letter is not from God?

-No.

-God gave to Paul that which He wanted in the letter, and Paul would speak God's Word to the scribe who would write down the words.

-As God teaches us in 2 Timothy 3:16:

-“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

-There is nothing in the Bible that is not from God.

Let's read Galatians 6:12-13

12-Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

13-Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh.

-How were the people avoiding being persecuted for the cross of Christ?

-The cross of Christ is a picture of sacrificing oneself so that God can save us.

-To avoid being persecuted is a picture of not sacrificing yourself, but rather continuing in sin.

-Why do those who are circumcised not keep the law?

-Because no one is perfect except for God.

-Because no one can keep the law except for God.

-False religions say that we can be accepted by God by keeping their laws.

-This is a lie from Satan.

-If you meet someone who is boasting about his flesh, then you should know that this person is not of God.

-A Christian knows very well that there is nothing of the flesh that can save us.

Let's read Galatians 6:14-15

14-May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

15-Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

-A true Christian will not boast in himself, but rather boast in the cross of Christ.

Let's read Galatians 6:16-18

16-Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

17-From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

18-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.