

Defending the Gospel

Galatians 6:11-18

(Sunday Evening, October 10th)

In Galatians, Paul is Defending the Gospel against the attacks of the Legalist

1. In Chapters 1-2, Paul Responds to Legalism's Opposition against him.
2. In Chapters 3-4, Paul Responds to Legalism's Opposition against Justification by Faith.
3. In Chapters 5-6, Paul Responds to Legalism's Opposition of Sanctification By Faith. Paul is answering the question, "*How Can I Be Spiritual?*"
 - A. Not by Legalism (5:1-12)
 - B. Not by License (5:13)
 - C. But by Holy Spirit Produced Love (5:13c-26)

1. *Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the essence of the Law (5:13c-15)*
2. *Holy Spirit enables us not to fulfill the flesh (5:16-26)*
3. *Holy Spirit enables us to Serve One Another (6:1-18)*

- 1. By Helping a Fallen Brother (6:1-5)**
- 2. By Sowing in a Ministry to Others (6:6-10)**
- 3. By Living for God's Glory (6:11-18)**

A. The False Motives of Legalism (6:12-13)

- 1) The legalist wants to be *popular* "to make a fair show in the flesh" (6:12)
- 2) The legalist does *not want to be persecuted* "lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ" (6:12)
- 3) The legalist wants to *brag* "that they may glory in your flesh" (6:13)

B. The True Motive of Love (6:14-18)

- 1) We want to glory in the *cross* (6:14)
- 2) We want to glory in God's *new creation* (6:15)
- 3) We want to glory in the *results* of true motives
 - a) *Peace with God (6:16)*
 - b) *Mercy with God (6:16)*

- c) Love for the brethren (6:16)*
- d) Suffering for Christ (6:17)*