

Calvary Chapel of Escondido  
*Men's Ministry Bible Study*  
Galatians Study #13 – A New Creation



Paul finishes this Book saying that it does not matter what we do outwardly. It will not change our standing before God. What counts is whether or not we are changed. Whether or not we are a new creation in Christ Jesus. Certainly we ought to have changed the things that we do outwardly, but are we changed inwardly? Has your heart towards God and things of righteousness changed? Do you desire things that are holy? The things of God should not be a drag to us. We ought to look forward with anticipation to our times with the Lord, our opportunities in the Word to learn of Him, our time in prayer to our loving Father in heaven, and the chances to serve. This certainly is not the case always, but it ought to be more and more. Our most inward thoughts and intents are only truly known by God and ourselves. I pray that this Book and study has been a blessing to you personally and has caused you to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lord, help us not boast of all of our outward actions, but instead boast of what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross and the redemption of our souls.

**Supportive Scripture**

*Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things [are] of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore [you] on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)*

*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)*

*And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:17)*

*Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. (1 John 3:21-24)*

*For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. (2 Corinthians 10:12)*

*"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong*

*and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God [is] with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:7-9)*

*My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. (Psalm 34:2)*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1: 3-5)*

### **Key Verse**

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy [be] upon them, and upon the Israel of God. (Galatians 6:16)

### **Memory Verse**

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### **Quote**

There is only one basis for really enjoying life, and that is, to walk in the way in which God leads you. Then you are prepared to find delight in all sorts of wayward incidents....When a man is drifting through life, seeking nothing outside of self-gratification, the world must become increasingly a barren and forbidding wilderness. But it is wonderful how many delights fall to the lot of him who is led by God. For such a one the clasp of a friend's hand, a cool drink in the heat of noon, a merry salutation from a passing traveler, a glimpse of beauty by the road, a quiet resting place at night, are all full of unspeakable pleasure. ~ *Author Unknown*

## **Questions for Group Discussion**

### **Galatians 6:11-18**

1. **(v.11-12) A Good Showing in the Flesh** – What is the danger of validating your sin by finding it in other Christians? What is the danger for you in encouraging others in deception to keep you from dealing with persecution? What are some examples of how each of these could happen today?
  
2. **(v.13) Focused but Misdirected** - As the Judaizers chose to follow, and focus on, the law of circumcision while ignoring other laws, what are the problems for us in picking and choosing what to obey in the Bible? What is the concern when we simply pick one action that we ought to be doing, or one action that we ought not to be doing, or one doctrine that we feel should be taught, and focus on this in all of our conversations with other believers?

3. **(v.14-15) Boast in the Cross** – The cross was always associated with humiliation. What does Paul mean when he says that he boasts in the cross of Jesus Christ?
  
4. **(v.16-18) God's Blessing** – What rule, or standard, does Paul refer to in receiving peace and mercy? Explain practically the difference in walking according to God's plan for you and also veering off of God's plan.
  
5. **Reflection** - During our study in the Book of Galatians, what did you learn for the first time? What has impacted you the most?

### **Additional Questions for Personal Study**

1. Do you think it's true that the world approves of religion apart from the Gospel of Christ? Explain.
  
2. What is the *new creation* Paul referred to in Galatians 6:15?
  
3. How was Paul *branded* for Jesus Christ? Give specific examples.
  
4. "It is the Christian leader who has suffered for Christ who has something to offer." Do you agree?
  
5. In Paul's suffering, what sustained him?