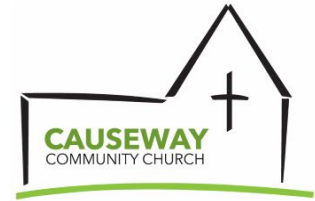


GALATIANS 5:25-6:10

SUNDAY 22th NOVEMBER 2020



BIBLE

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Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word.
Read Galatians 5:25-6:10

LISTEN

SERMON BY SPENCER CRITOPH

Follow the link in the email to listen to a sermon on this passage.

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- As christians our ambition is to know Jesus and become Christ-like.
 - Do we agree with this?
 - Why might this ambition not capture our excitement and imagination?
- In v25 what has happened and what must continue to happen?
 - What does the image of walking in step bring to mind?
 - Why is this emphasis on continuing particularly important to the churches in Galatia? How would the false teachers think you continue in the Christian life? (see 3:1-6)
 - How can we seek to continue in the flesh? How is it different to keep in step with the Spirit?
- In v26 Paul warns them not to become conceited (glorying without reason), provoking (challenging to a contest) and envying each other?
 - How might the Galatians' beliefs about the law lead to the above problems?
 - What of these are you particularly tempted to do?

- Where might we see these attitudes in the world and community?
- Read 6:1-6 and note what actions and attitudes we are called to.
- Think about what it means to be caught in sin.
 - Does this mean we should seek to approach someone as soon as we see any sin? How do we balance it with 1 Peter 4:8 which talks about love covering a multitude of sins? What might be signs that someone is caught in sin?
 - Do we find it hard to restore someone in sin?
 - Why do we find it hard?
 - How can we get it wrong?
 - What do you think it means to restore someone gently?
 - How might we be tempted as we seek to restore others?
- What does it mean to carry one another's burdens?
 - What are the warnings in v1-6?
 - How does that help us help one another well?
 - What is your experience of the church carrying one another's burdens
 - Is that the Spirit or us at work?
- We are called to carry one another's burdens (heavy weight) and yet each one should carry their own load (word meaning backpack). How can these two hold together?
 - What are some dangers at either end of these images?
- What is the law of Christ? This isn't an easy term. Notice the similarities in 5:13-14; Mark 12:28-31. Think of how Jesus carries our burdens.
 - In the book of Galatians, why do you think that Paul would choose to describe this as the LAW of Christ?
- Think about the image used in v7-9 of sowing and reaping. What are we meant to learn from that image?
 - What does it mean to sow to please the Spirit?
 - What does it mean to sow to 'please their flesh'?
 - If sowing to the Spirit leads to reaping eternal life, how is this not salvation by works?
 - Why might we be tempted to give up doing good?
 - What is the motivation to carry on? (6:9)
 - How might this motivate us?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use the Lord's Prayer to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.