

GALATIANS 6:16-18

A. Galatians 6:16a - And as many as walk according to this rule,

1. The rule, the standard for believers in the Dispensation of Grace is that all believers are _____ in Christ, and now there is _____ difference between circumcision (Jew) and uncircumcision (Gentile).
2. Before the Gospel of Grace (Acts 9), there was a big difference! But now we are in grace and _____ in grace. The new rule, when we follow it, is that we are rewarded by having peace and mercy in our lives.
3. [and upon the Israel of God] *We will do this a little later in our lesson.

B. Galatians 6:17 - From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

1. Paul speaks in a stern, yet loving way. Paul says: From now on I do not need to hear about this (Galatianism) anymore. I do not want you to listen to these legalistic Judaizers any longer. Do not trouble me about their nonsense. I have _____ you what the _____ gospel of grace is, so let this issue once and for all be settled!
2. Paul's marks from persecution, his sufferings and wounds, were well-known and they _____ed his love - faith in Christ.

*The scars on Paul's body from the beatings, shipwrecks, were from his standing up for the grace gospel message. Paul did not waver when opposition was there warning him. He unashamedly proclaimed the truth of grace salvation and the _____ creation of the Body of Christ (II Corinthians 11:23-27).

C. Galatians 6:18 - Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen. To the Galatians written from Rome.

1. Paul, perhaps sensing he had been firm, ends with a _____forting benediction to assure them that they were _____ family. Paul starts his letter and ends it in grace.
2. With this verse, Paul draws to a close his letter that dealt with Jewish law _____ism, ritualism, and man's religion that was developing in the Galatian churches.
3. This letter was Paul (through the Holy Spirit) trying to restore brothers and sisters in Christ to walk in truth, Spirit and _____ce.

*Our lesson - We are to stand firm on the _____ truth of the cross. The fact is that there is no need to add anything to it.

Romans 3:27 - Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Acts 13:38-39 - Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: Acts 13:39 - And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

The Israel of God

D. Galatians 6:16b- peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

1. One had to be a physical descendant of Abraham and a spiritual descendant of Abraham, to believe that Christ was - is the _____ ah, to be _____ of the Israel of God.

Romans 2:28-29 - For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: Rom. 2:29 - But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

2. Some try to say when one gets saved they become a _____ (not true).

*The Roman Catholic Church (RCC) has built their system upon this thinking. Why would they have a Levitical priesthood system if they did not? They say the New Testament Church has _____ placed Israel and the majority of Christendom follow that.

3. The Charismatic movement claims all Israel's signs and wonders! They claim Israel's prosperity, health, and wealth _____ mises for themselves.

- a. *It is interesting that most claim Israel's promises, blessings for their obedience, but not Israel's _____ ses.

*I have heard many use Deuteronomy 28 blessings for themselves.

- b. They do not follow [It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a _____ man to enter into the Kingdom of God.]. They do not follow [_____ all that thou hast..give], nor do they distribute their wealth to the community of the church (Acts 2 and 4).

4. [upon the Israel of God]

- a. There was a believing remnant still existing. They had caused some confusion in the Galatian situation _____ ing two programs together (law and grace).

- (1) *Paul says that the only way to keep them unconfused is to show them what God is doing today and that the Israel Kingdom Program is _____ part of God's new creation or the _____ new man. The Kingdom Program has been set aside for now.

Romans 11:25 - For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

- (2) Notice what Paul says about Israel [blindness in part]. This means not every Jew. Then who? Not the _____ tle _____ ck of Jewish believers!

- b. Remember, Galatians was written during Acts 18. Paul visited Galatians in Acts 13-14. Now look at:

Acts 21:18-20 - And the *day* following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. Acts 21:19 - And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. Acts 21:20 - And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

- (1) *Paul is talking here about the Little Flock. They are from Matthew - John, Pentecost, _____ly Acts, and they are still there. They are involved in their program and zealous of the Law - Messiah.
- (2) Paul's Body ministry had caused this Little Flock _____ fusion. Paul had not told _____ the Jews to forsake Moses' law, but he did to those Jews who had put their faith in the gospel of grace.

Acts 21:20-21 - And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: Acts 21:21 - And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children, neither to walk after the customs.

- c. Paul gave God's new truth about the Mystery Rapture Revelation in his early ministry. Paul _____pected it to take place in his lifetime (Body↑).

Titus 2:13 - Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

*Paul did not know that the Kingdom Program believers would be waiting _____ years!

- d. Paul thought the Body's _____voking ministry to Israel would come to an end. Because of this, the Kingdom Program needed to have its believers (Galatians 2:7-9) in place to fulfill its purpose and _____phesies.
- e. So to Paul, when writing to the Galatians, the Kingdom Program had just been temporarily _____pended.

- (1) This meant that Peter and the 11 believed that after a _____ they would be back to the forefront (Matthew 16:16-18). That is why the Little Flock stayed with the law.
- (2) They also knew that even if they died, they would be resurrected _____ to go into the kingdom. Peter later began to understand some of what God's delay was in Israel's fulfillment. Christ had shown Peter that he was going to _____.

II Peter 1:13-14 - Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance; II Peter 1:14 - Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

- (3) We know that the Kingdom Program will happen because it is _____ true.

I Peter 1:13 - Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

*Peter never says the old program was over. He still believed he was _____ of [the Israel of God].

- (4) Peter did begin to realize that the kingdom _____lay was _____er than he had expected it to be.

II Peter 3:15-16 - And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; II Peter 3:16 - As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Conclusion

The Israel of God in Galatians 6:16 is not the Body of Christ. We have not _____ placed Israel. We are not a _____ tinuation of Israel. When the Bible says Israel it means Israel. The Israel of God is the Little Flock: the Jews who had been saved in John the Baptist's ministry, in Christ's _____ ly ministry, in the 12's _____ ly Acts ministry, and those of the Tribulation. They all go into the Kingdom because they are the _____ Israel of God.

*Paul graciously is reminding the Galatians that God had _____ forgotten about the kingdom saints of Israel. Paul told the Galatians no one is responsible to _____ the law. However, he did not want anybody to think God had turned His back on His people Israel. Paul is giving a blessing to _____ groups.