

## DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY – GALATIANS 6 PART XI

### Study Notes For Galatians 6

In Paul's time in the area surrounding the Mediterranean, there was a culture of shame that made people communicate indirectly, valued appearances, leaned towards a perfectionism, and engaged in the kind of rhetoric that highlighted a person's virtues and achievements. The worst thing that could happen to a person was to be subject to public shame. Paul's exposition of the truth of the gospel served as an alternative to that particular culture. Among the many things that he taught in this epistle is the centrality of the Cross as he emphasized his identity and union with Christ in his death and resurrection in chapter 2, and he reminded them that he preached the cross to them in Chapter 3. In chapter 4, he talks about God sending His son to have the Spirit teach us the privilege of Sonship, by taking the curse or shame of being crucified on a cross. In chapter 5, the freedom of the Spirit comes when we walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh, In fact, we crucify our flesh through the taking up of the cross daily as Jesus taught. The Spirit enables us to live in community as this chapter shows, as we walk in the Spirit through the Word, Fellowship, Worship, Prayer, and the fulfillment of our Kingdom calling.

1. Observe the repeated words, or phrases, or similar ideas or themes throughout the chapter.
2. Observe the contrasts or comparisons throughout the chapter.
3. What are some of the questions that you would like to raise?
4. Summarize what you consider to be the main point of the chapter.
5. What is our response to the need for building community and ministry encouragement?