

Galatians - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 3, Worldliness (6:14)

JUNE 15

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, BY WHOM THE WORLD IS CRUCIFIED UNTO ME, AND I UNTO THE WORLD.

Galatians 6:14

The cross of Jesus erects a barrier that separates me, as a Christian, from Satan's world. If I force myself around that cross and join hands with the world, then I have placed myself in a very serious position. I knew a young Christian lady very well. Each Sunday she remembered the Lord in His death at the breaking of bread. But she began to seek out friends and pleasures in the world. Her mother quoted James 4:4 to her: "Friendship with the world is enmity against God. . . . Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world IS the enemy of God." Her response was, "Well then, I guess I'll just have to be an enemy of God!" A few days later she was killed in a terrible car crash. Don't make the Lord speak to you like that!

CareLines: Volume 3, Burdens (6:2)

JUNE 11

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

In verse 5 of our chapter it says, "For every man shall bear his own burden." Is this a contradiction? Of course not. If you look up the word burden in a Greek dictionary, you will see that the original language of the Bible used two entirely different words for "bear". The word in our verse means "weight". This indicates that sometimes the weight of daily life gets more than we can carry. When we notice another Christian bearing a great weight of life, we should immediately be willing to ease that burden, even if it means carrying some of it ourselves.

CareLines: Volume 3, Separator, The (6:14)

APRIL 21

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Galatians 6:14

Perhaps we might think of the cross as the altar and Jesus as the sacrifice; and perhaps we may glory in the cross as that which has put away our sins; however, that is not what the Apostle Paul is writing about in this verse. The cross is more than an altar - it is that which separates us from the world and all its pursuits! Jesus is not only the sacrifice and the object of our faith - He is the object of our affection!

CareLines: Volume 7, Fruit (5:22)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

Galatians 5:22

There is nothing that cheers another and gives comfort to those who are down like love and joy and peace. In a world of hatred, there is something special about Christians when they show love to others. The emptiness of the world's pleasures are nothing compared to the joy of those who are born again and on their way to heaven. And when nation upon nation is at war, the Christian can still be at peace in his heart, because of Calvary. Love, joy, peace: Three necessary ingredients in a Christian for a happy life.

CareLines: Volume 7, Liberty (5:13)

Ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh.

Galatians 5:13

There is a definite difference between being free and doing whatever we want. Yes, we have been set free from Satan and bondage to him. But that doesn't give us license to live outside of God's standards and His law. Once we are saved, our whole motivation should be, "Am I doing what is pleasing to the Lord?" If I am, then I won't be letting my old nature take control. Jesus has given us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness." Let's be free in His liberty.

CareLines: Volume 7, Trapped (5:1)

Be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:1

A young hummingbird had flown through the window into our back porch and was unable to find the way out. I found her some time later during a thunderstorm sitting in a puddle of water on the floor. I placed her on the kitchen table where she sat for some time. After supper I took her outside to release her but she couldn't fly. A sticky mass of threadlike material was dangling from her leg and weighted her down. How like Satan to entice us into a situation from which we cannot escape. Spiritually and morally Satan will try to entangle us again with the yoke of bondage.

CareLines: Volume 2, Service: GAL 5:13 (5:13)

GAL 5:13

By love serve one another.

Gal. 5:13

The Lord's commandment to His disciples was that they "love one another." Along with the commandment He gave them the power to fulfill it. He sent His Spirit to indwell them and everyone since who has believed in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Now through love we can serve one another. Service without love is an ungentle service. Love makes you care for those you serve. Without love there's no caring and the service is ineffectual. Ask the Lord to increase that Godly capacity to love even when the object is unlovable. That's the way God is. Then your service will be beneficial.

CareLines: Volume 7, Schedule (4:4-5)

When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son . . . to redeem.

Galatians 4:4-5

God works according to a schedule. His timing is always perfect. Exactly at the right time God sent Jesus, His Son, to be the Saviour. And exactly at the right time God will send Jesus again to call His bride home to heaven. No one knows for sure when that will be, but the signs in the world and in the church all point to His coming being very soon. Be ready.

CareLines: Volume 7, Pleasing God (1:10)

If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

We all worry to various degrees what other people think about us. And sometimes we do need the help of godly Christians to adjust our words, ideas and actions to be more conformed to Christ. But in this "politically correct" generation we live in, it seems to be a sin against mankind to stand for anything that is righteous and truthful before God, especially when it counters the mundane morality, the selfish selfism, and the haughty humanism that is so widespread, even in the professing church. As you live and work from day to day, who are you seeking to please, God or man? "The fellow who worries about what people think of him wouldn't worry so much if he only knew how seldom they do."

CareLines: Volume 2, Glory to God (1:24)

GAL 1:24

And they glorified God in me.

Gal. 1:24

What a difference there is between a “glory-hound” and one who would seek to have God glorified in his life! A dear old Christian was often complimented on the quality of his work. His answer was always that he was on his knees every morning asking the Lord to help him to do his work well for God’s glory. To God be the glory!

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