

Questions: Applying the message of Galatians

The bottom line: **What are we going to DO with Galatians now?**

What PRACTICAL DIFFERENCE will Galatians make in your life going forward?

How do we make sure we don't become a forgetful hearer?

How does Galatians speak me about changes needed in **my dealings with others**:

- My family & relatives
- My friends and acquaintances
- Other Christians
- Unbelievers

Put it into practice RIGHT AWAY!

Let's read the highlights of what **Keith Ferrin** has to say about application on pages 116-121.

Specific questions:

1. What does this book teach about **our Lord Jesus Christ**?
2. What **specific truths** does Galatians teach?
3. Is there an **example** for me to follow?
4. Are there **sins** to avoid?
5. Are there **promises** to claim?
6. What **errors** is Galatians exposing?
7. Is there a **challenge** to face?
8. What issues in **our culture** and situation does Galatians speak to?

PRINCIPLES leading to **ACTION**

Keeping in mind that it is the Spirit who renews our mind, leads us in our walk (how we live), and defeats the flesh.

Start with the concrete practical commands in Galatians 5 and 6:

Gal 5:1

It was for **freedom** that Christ set us free; therefore **keep standing firm** and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Gal 5:13

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only **do not** turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another**. 1

Gal 5:16-26

16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh**. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law**. 19 Now **the deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law**. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also **walk by the Spirit**. 26 Let us **not** become **boastful, challenging one another, envying one another**.

Gal 6:1-5

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, **restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness**; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. 2 **Bear one another's burdens**, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But each one must **examine his own work**, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For **each one will bear his own load**.

Gal 6:6-10

6 The one who is taught the word is to **share all good things** with the one who teaches him. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who **sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption**, but the one who **sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life**. 9 **Let us not lose heart in doing good**, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. 10 So then, while we have opportunity, **let us do good** to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Gal 6:18

The **grace of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.