LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 02 Sept. 106:5  Galatians 1:1-24 ......................................................... True Gospel
2) 09 Sept. 106:5  Galatians 2:1-21 .......................................................... True Grace
3) 16 Sept. 106:5  Galatians 3:1-22 .......................................................... True Life
4) 23 Sept. 106:5  Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-7 .............................................. True Heirs
5) 30 Sept. 106:5  Galatians 4:8-31 .......................................................... True Freedom
6) 07 Oct. 106:5  Galatians 5:1-26 ............................................................ True Fruit
7) 14 Oct. 106:5  Galatians 6:1-18 .......................................................... True Compassion
8) 21 Oct. 106:5  James 1:1-18 ................................................................. With Perseverance
9) 28 Oct. 106:5  James 1:19-27 ................................................................. With Obedience
10) 04 Nov. 106:5  James 2:1-26 ................................................................. With Works
11) 11 Nov. 106:5  James 3:1-18 ................................................................. With Control
12) 18 Nov. 106:5  James 4:1-17 ................................................................. With Submission
13) 25 Nov. 106:5  James 5:1-20 ............................................................... With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION

- Paul demonstrates how we can fulfill the LAW of Christ by showing LOVE to those around us – BUT, is it unconditional Love?
- AND, can anyone counsel a troubled soul to comfort or help them, or does it take someone with certain qualifications?

How Do We Deceive Ourselves?
- “Anyone” refers to the one having a burden. So, if “anyone” thinks he/she does not need help when they are hurting – they are deceiving or lying to themselves
- Sometimes we need to drop our pride and allow others to help us when we find ourselves overwhelmed

Self-examination is strongly encouraged
- Improper boasting is when we do it to glorify ourselves
- Proper boasting is where we allow our light, our good works, our gentleness to shine .......... Mat 5:16; Phil 4:5

Each will bear their own load/responsibilities
- We have responsibilities we should not shirk from
- If we are married, we are responsible to take care of our spouse, children, and household
- If we are in debt over our head, we need to own it

What Really Matters in Life?
- v10. Principle to Live By: Give special attention to those w/in the church above those outside the church
- Why is this important? Because God said so?
- v14. Boast in the cross before anything else
- v15. What matters in life is being a New Creation
- What matters in life is keeping God’s [moral] commandments........................................ 1Cor 7:19
- What matters is faith working through love .... Gal 5:6

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS
- Always do a self-examination before trying to remove a splinter from someone’s life. Here are some simple questions to ask one’s self:
  1. Do I have any sin or weakness in my life that would hinder me helping someone?
  2. Do I exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in my life?
  3. Am I willing to devote the time, energy, and resources needed to help someone?
  4. Am I devoted to prayer about this?
  5. Am I living, walking, and being led by the Spirit?

SUPPORTING PASSAGES
Mat 5:16 ...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven
Mat 7:3 Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?
Mat 15:14 “…and if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”
Phil 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all.

NEXT WEEK: James 1. We move to the book of James which takes a different and complementary view of Christian works.

SHARE THE LOAD

Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ~ Galatians 6:2 KJV