

"The Battle For Holiness: We Will Reap If We Do Not Give Up"
Galatians 6:6-10

The Battle Language:

"Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." "For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit...and the desire of the Spirit against the flesh...these are opposed to each other." "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." "Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted." "Whatever one sows, that will he also reap." "From the flesh reap corruption...from the Spirit reap eternal life."

- **Comparison: The Spirit verses the Flesh.**
 - **Spirit:** 1) Serve one another. 2) Love your neighbor as yourself. 3) Fruit of the Spirit. 4) Restore in a spirit of gentleness. 5) Bear one another's burdens. 6) Test your own work. 7) Bear your own load. 8) Share all good things with the one who teaches. 9) Do not grow weary of doing good, do not give up.
 - **Flesh:** 1) Gratify the desires of the flesh. 2) Bite, devour, and consume each other. 3) The works of the flesh. 4) Being conceited, combative, and envying one another. 5) Thinking you are something when you are not. 6) Mocking God. 7) Growing weary in doing good and giving up.

- Galatians 6:6-10
 - (verse 6): "Let the one who is taught the word (so that they can grow in the fruit of the Spirit) share all good things (whatever is needed for the Pastor to do his job) with the one who teaches." (1 Corinthians 9:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
 - (verse 7) "Do not be **deceived**: (God deals with sin in His children's lives – Hebrews 12:5-6,10-11) God is not **mocked**, (turn our nose up at Him or not taken seriously) for whatever one sows, that will he also reap" (God uses physical truth to teach spiritual truth).
 - (verse 8) "For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, (to go from better to worse – 2 Timothy 4:10) but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life" (it starts now and progressively gets better – 1 Timothy 6:17-19).
 - (verse 9) We can easily grow weary (become exhausted) in doing good because of how long it takes to see a harvest in spiritual things (1 Corinthians 15:58). Christians don't give up in hardship, they persevere (1 Peter 4:19; James 5:10-11).
 - *"Many Christians are like children. They expect to sow and reap on the same day. It is far from this." (John Brown)*
 - (verse 10) The Christian life is a continual opportunity. There is never a circumstance where we don't have the opportunity to do good. There is a special kind of good to those who are saved. It leads to their sanctification and ours (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Ephesians 2:10).

Announcements:

★**HEALTHTREE MOVES FOR MYELOMA:** We are putting together a team to participate in the 5K/1 M Walk happening on Saturday, June 3rd at Wolfe Park in Columbus, Ohio. If you are interested in participating in this, please see the board on the back table for more information, or see Joel Decker for any questions you may have. To register for the event, you will need to go online and register with Team Legacy.

★**LADIES SPRING BRUNCH:** Ladies, we are having a Spring Brunch *THIS* Saturday, May 6th, at 10am, at Jen and Breanna's house (981 Lawnview Avenue). There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the Spring Brunch. All of the ladies are invited to join us for this time of fellowship together. Please consider carpooling, since parking is limited!

★**TRANSMISSION OF SCRIPTURE:** We will be starting a new Sunday Teaching Class on Sunday, May 21st. This class will be on the transmission of Scripture — how we got the Bible. It will be every Sunday, from 4-5pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a 6 week class that will be taught by Pastor Jeremey. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, if you are interested in participating in this class, please sign-up!

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We are having a Members Meeting *TONIGHT* immediately following the worship service. This is a very important meeting to discuss the operating budget for the rest of 2023, as well as voting on By-Law additions and changes. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner *NEXT* Sunday, May 7th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us.