

Sowing Sanctification, Reaping Glorification

Galatians 6:6-10

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The metaphor of reaping what you sow was not new to the Galatians that Paul is writing to. (see Proverbs 22:8, Job 4:8, Hosea 10:12)

CAUTION: The idea of reaping and sowing is not a secret formula fore getting exactly what you want from God!

According to verse 8, the harvest time in this metaphor specifically describes the ultimate _____ of the one who sowed.

There are only two final destinations, there are only two harvest possibilities...

1. Those who sow of the Spirit will reap the harvest of _____. (see Romans 6:23, John 11:25-26, John 17:3)
2. Those who sow of the flesh will reap the harvest of _____. (see Daniel 12:2, Matt. 25:46, Rev. 20:15)

Our sowing has a definite connection to our ultimate resting place.

And so we should rightly be very intent to know what it means to 'sow'! To sow unto salvation is to sow _____ in Jesus Christ and the work that is His alone. But notice again what Galatians 5:6 says...

Galatians 5:6 – *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.*

Saving faith will work its way out of us in love! True faith in Jesus Christ will absolutely manifest itself in the life of the believer as he bears the fruit of the Spirit – not _____, but _____.

*If we sow to the flesh, if we are consistently living lives that are disobedient to the Lord and ignoring His commands and precepts, we are displaying a serious lack of faith in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 5:19-20)

QUESTION: Is there really such a thing as a 'carnal Christian'?

NOTE: Sowing _____ is not an option here! We are ALL 'farmers' of one sort or another! What, then, are you sowing?

Galatians 6 does not apply the reaping/sowing concept to _____, it applies it to _____. If your life never bears the evidence of sanctification, the Holy Spirit is not present. If the Holy Spirit is not present, there is no true salvation yet.

According to Verses 9-10, how might we 'sow to the Spirit'?

What connection does verse 6 have to this passage, in light of the call to reap and sow?

