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*THERE IS A RIVER
WHOSE STREAMS
SHALL MAKE GLAD
THE CITY OF GOD.,
(PSALM 46:4)*



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“Let us make known the name of Jesus, to everyone God sends our way.”

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PURPOSE

The purpose of Mountain Stream Ministries is to speak prophetically to the Body of Christ and to impart and teach Kingdom Principles and Spiritual Order.

Mountain Stream Ministries accomplish this purpose by providing resource materials, and by teaching through various venues.

Thank you for your commitment in praying for and supporting God's Calling upon *Rick Fultz*. He and his staff at *Mountain Stream Ministries* endeavor to minister Godly encouragement and direction to the hearts of God's people. ***We minister to those whom God has placed in our lives. (John 17:9) I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You. (Amplified Bible)***

May the Lord bless you and minister to you as you read this Newsletter.

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It's Never Enough

We live in a culture that demands we gather unto ourselves all that we can get. Build our barns larger, fill them full for ourselves, and when we spend, spend it all on ourselves. Our culture in America has diminished its standards of consumption to, "It's Never Enough" in the place of gathering and helping others in need.

Some clear their conscience by tossing a small morsel from their storage of goods to someone in need and call it honoring God. Then they wonder why their lives are in such disarray and they usually end up blaming God for their misfortune.

People need to understand that when we keep filling our barns with a tenacious desire for self preservation, while ignoring those in need,... then who do we think we are fooling?

I will tell you of one that we are *not* fooling and that is God! *Listen to what God declares in His word concerning people who have a poor or wrong concept about giving. (Galatians 6:7) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked ; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*

Ouch! That hit home. Don't think for a minute that we can sow here and there or just anywhere we please and then expect God to honor our giving! *It doesn't work that way! God is a God of precision. In all that He created all things are precisely ordered to work and function within its created sphere or realm. A farmer doesn't sow his seed in any field throwing it here and there. He sows his seed where there is fertile ground. Some people think that God will sort their haphazard sowing/giving out as long as they sow seed somewhere. After all isn't that all that really matters. No! Emphatically no! God will not be mocked! Listen to what God says about haphazard sowing.*

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Verse 8 Those who keep sowing in the field of their old nature, in order to meet its demands, will eventually reap ruin; but those who keep sowing in the field of the Spirit will reap from the Spirit everlasting life.

Verse 9 So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest.

Verse 10 Therefore, as the opportunity arises, let us do what is good to everyone, and especially to the family of those who are trustingly faithful.

So let's look at how important it is to do right in the eyes of God of how we should treat others, and also the importance of sowing seed correctly.

(Galatians 6:1-18) explained in detail:

If someone is guilty of doing something wrong, then those who are born of the Spirit and speak from the Holy Spirit residing in them should correct the one who is doing wrong with a spirit of humility and not with a tongue of judgment. Also being careful not to judge others or you could find yourself being tempted as well. Remember, we all are guilty of missing the mark! We all have fallen short of the glory of God! We all have sinned! Throw your rocks of judgment down and never pick them up again! **Verse 1**

By bearing one another's burdens we help those who are in need of encouragement by sharing God's principles. This helps them find the lifestyle that leads to peace. Help those that are struggling financially. Be careful not to judge them in their time of lack, or you could find yourself suddenly in a financial or relational disaster. **Verse 2**

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Be careful of the high opinion one has of himself. Don't deceive yourself by thinking you are better than someone else!

Verse 3

Do not boast and think you are better than others and never compare yourself to others in your boasting to make yourself appear better. *Scrutinize your own actions.* Then if you do find something to boast about, at least the boasting will be based on what *you have actually done* and not merely on a judgment that you are better than someone else; **Verse 4**

There is no need of boasting and making others look bad when they fail to do the work which Christ has given all Christians to do. Love your neighbor as yourself! Follow this godly principle. Those that have and are failing to live this principle will emphatically carry their own load of guilt and suffering for failing to bear this godly principle. **Verse 5**

Share all the good things you possess with the person that instructs you in the Lord. The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. Simply put, Teachers of the Good News of the Kingdom of God are to be supported by their fellow believers. ***God made this plain and simple yet many fail and stumble over this simple principle!*** How do you think a minister is to survive without the support from those whom God has put in his/her path? How can a minister fulfill his calling by working two jobs? One serving the body of Christ and the other a night job of flipping burgers or selling insurance etc. Jesus walked by Peter, James and John (to name a few) on the shore of Galilee and told them to STOP doing their secular work (in this case they had a fishing business) and follow Him. Then He commanded them and called them to Teach others about His Kingdom. There was no mention of fishing at night to make a separate income! Many people struggle with

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the fact that God's ministers are to be supported with enough to live a common lifestyle and if the minister lives beyond the lifestyle they think a minister should live then they judge the minister and stop supporting. God forbid any minister to live in a nice home and drive a nice car or maybe having a vacation home as well! People in their secular jobs can make all the money in the world and no one questions why they live in a nice home or drive a nice automobile, but let a minister called of God exceed their standards for living and all He__ breaks loose! Why do some people judge ministers this way? It's usually because of jealousy! They feel that they work for the things they have and a minister should do the same. This makes me want to laugh! Anyone who judges a minister on these grounds has never served in ministry as God has called ministers to serve. I am aware that all ministers are not truly serving as God intended, but that is another subject and that is between them and the Lord. Let's take a closer look at this. Ministers are on call 24/7. Ministers are to drop all things and run immediately to a person's disaster. Ministers that are called by and led by the Lord may have to pack up all he/she owns and move his/her family to another State or another Country in order to serve God's plan and teach His people. I could go on and on, but you get my point. God ordained the support for those serving in ministry to come from the believers that the minister teaches. It is more complex than that, but in general that is the basic truth. God made it that simple, but man can and has complicated the correct order of support for those called into ministry. Not all ministers pastor a church. Then what is that minister to do about his/her support for their ministry? He/she is still ministering and encouraging sometimes even more than those who have a local church to look after. Is a minister disqualified because he doesn't have a building? Apostle Paul, James, John, etc. did not pastor a local assembly but God connected people to them that they might have financial support for their livelihood and ministry! This

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is a cross I bear daily, but I must keep my trust in the Lord and allow Him to fulfill the calling on my life. Verse 6

Don't deceive yourself. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked ; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. Those who keep sowing in the field of their old nature, in order to meet its demands, will eventually reap ruin; but those who keep sowing in the field of the Spirit will reap from the Spirit everlasting life. *We must be obedient and give as God leads and not as the Religious System demands. The contemporary Religious System ignores any support for any minister unless they are ordained under their denomination and abides by their bylaws. Where is that in the Bible? This is a touchy subject, but you get my point. Jesus did not require any of His disciples or ministers to join any denomination. God recognizes the call on a mans life and that was his/her credentials! Simple isn't it! Ministers called of God move in His power and Truth, but that literally terrifies the religious church today! Selah Verses 7 & 8*

Don't grow weary in your doing good to others. Even when it looks like God is nowhere around and He hasn't noticed your faithfulness in doing what is right in His eyes. You will eventually reap your harvest. **Verse 9**

As the opportunity arises do what is good to everyone and especially to those who are in the household of faith and have committed to trust God in and through their trials. Yes, single them out (believers in Christ) and help them! *Yes, we are to help the poor and certainly we as Christians are to help sinners in their time of need. This is basic Christianity, but we are never to help others and ignore our brothers in the Lord when they are in need. Some look at their brother and sister in the Lord and justify not helping them by the doctrine of helping God bring these people through their process. God does*

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not give anyone that kind of authority! *God takes His people through process at times, but He doesn't need any help from religious persons claiming that if they lend a helping hand to their brother in his/her time of need then they would take that person out of God's process!* Holy cow! *That is exactly what that is their Holy cow!* These self-righteous religious people justify their own foolish lifestyle and extreme spending habits by saying if they spent that money on helping their brother in the Lord they would *hinder God's process for that person*, so they spend their extra money on themselves. I could write a book here, but point made. I even know of one person claiming if he gave to a minister it would only *enable* a minister to continue in their ministry, so the choice was made not to support. What? Some people actually believe they have the power to keep some people in ministry and keep others out! *God doesn't put that level of power in the hands of man! God chooses whom He pleases and keeps and/or removes whom He chooses for the purpose of ministry!* **Verse 10**

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

This Newsletter was birthed to water thirsty souls with the Word of God. The name in itself, "THE STREAM" is an indicator of God's intent with this ministry. *Water flows in the path of least resistance. To resist Him is to restrict His flowing river. The river of God brings refreshing hope when you allow it to flow in your life.*



Open up your heart and receive refreshing water, in those dry areas of your life. We all have them at times, so don't feel condemned. (smile) Open up your heart, and let Him complete the good work, He has started in you. Amen!

In His Rest,
Rick Fultz

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Paul is writing with great intensity in this chapter. Some scholars believe Paul was losing his eyesight, but it is quite clear in the text that Paul was writing in a “kind anger” known as “white heat.” **Verse 11**

Beware of those who want to make a good showing in the flesh and appear holy and try to compel you to be like them! In that day the Judaizers compelled the Gentiles to be circumcised. The Judaizers exploited this fact in a crude appeal to the Gentiles’ pride, so that their Gentile followers would think by getting themselves circumcised they were joining God’s fashionable elite, God’s in crowd! These were men of flesh driven by fleshly cravings and thirsting after self-righteousness only to gain the devotion of the Gentiles. Apostle Paul sent out a warning that everyone should beware of their false humility of appearing to be holy, for even they don’t observe the Torah. They wanted them get circumcised (or become like them) so they could boast of having gained their adherence/devotion. They wanted to boast of their followers devotion to them! Ouch! Hint: If you do not conform to their religiosity of flesh and become like them and abide by their philosophy they will eventually judge you and justify their actions through their fleshly religious attitude! It is easy to point our contemporary finger at the Judaizers and clearly see their religious motive. In actuality religious people today are still as guilty of the Judaizers by trying to escape their own guilt of not doing what is right and avoid the test of being a true Christian by helping others and giving to their spiritual instructors as God has plainly revealed in His word! *It is no different today.* That same self-righteous religious spirit is alive today! Take a closer look at those around you. If they can compel you to do as they do, it removes any threat of them having to repent and change their religious actions! Many today are confused and do not know which Jesus to believe in. Many ministers are teaching a different doctrine. This is a

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broad and controversial subject that many people have chosen to ignore, but if you really are a true Christian you cannot ignore the simple truth that God has revealed in His word. *To continue to ignore what you know is right is sin! To never settle in your heart what truth is, is to live a lie!* You believe in something whether openly or secretly. Your actions reveal what you believe! *As long as you choose to ignore the principles found in the word of God, your life can never settle on the foundation of Truth!* Why does this matter? Because the Truth is what sets you free! Satan and your flesh wants to keep you from receiving the truth that will set you free and he keeps you in bondage by telling you things like; “It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you do something good every now and then you will be fine. Don’t let anyone convince you to support any ministry because all they want is your money and if you give it away you will never have enough for yourself.” Satan keeps you from doing the things that will set you free to live a complete and wholesome life! *Don’t be deceived any longer!* The key here is to DO what God’s word plainly teaches. **Verse 12 & 13**

Heaven forbid that you should boast about anything except the execution-stake (the cross) of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah! Through him, as far as you should be concerned, the world has been put to death on the stake; and through him, as far as the world is concerned, you have been put to death on the stake. In other words you are dead to the world and you do not live to please man but to please God! Don’t be brought into bondage once again after you have experienced liberty in Christ our Lord and Savior. **Verse 14**

For neither being circumcised nor being uncircumcised matters; what matters is *being a new creation. Religiosity does not help any person become more like Christ.* In fact it hinders the process altogether. **Verse 15**

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And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. In the phrase “*Israel of God*” Apostle Paul is not referring to the Church or to Israel as a nation. He is referring to ALL of God’s people! *Let all God’s people Jew or Gentile walk in these principles and be blessed!* **Verse 16**

From now on don’t anyone give me anymore trouble about how I am to live my life or who I am and where I am going because I have scars on my body and I bare the brand marks to prove that I belong to Yeshua! *Apostle Paul was certain of his conversion from being a sinner to a God fearing Christian. He knew for sure of his salvation and knew that God was working on his fleshly nature one day at a time. Paul knew the importance of dying daily to his fleshly desires and allowed God to make Him more and more like Christ.* **Verse 17**

God’s grace be with you and to all that adhere to these words. Obey God’s word and be blessed! **Verse 18**

Scriptures for your review:

Galatians 6:1-18 (NASB)

1 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.

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6The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

7Do not be deceived, God is not mocked ; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

8For 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.

9Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

10So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

11See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.

12Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

13 For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

14 But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

16 And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus.

18The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

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