

Decluttering Christianity

APPLYING GALATIANS TO TODAY



What Matters Most in This Life (Galatians 6) Decluttering Christianity sermon series By Pastor David Hillis, 06.02.19

BIG IDEA: God wants you to see yourself the way He sees you - as a new creation in Christ.

- ***Final reminders on becoming the person God wants you to be:***
([Colossians 3:10](#); [2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Ephesians 4:21-24](#); [Ezekiel 36:26](#); [Hebrews 10:25](#); [Romans 6:4](#))
 - **1. This isn't done alone.** (Galatians 6:1-5)
 - Pointing out how someone is going astray or being overcome by sin is not judging them.
 - Love God with all your heart, and love others without condition.
 - You grow when you are around others who are also seeking to grow.
 - **2. This isn't quick.** (Galatians 6:6-10)
 - God sees the process of becoming a new person as one that takes a lifetime.
 - This requires us to practice the 4 A's: Acknowledge, Abide, Act and Appreciate.
 - **3. This life isn't meant to revolve around you.** (Galatians 6:11-18)
 - Life is not meant to be about pursuing your own desires, wants and plans.
 - Taking on our new identity and keeping the old one buried means constantly refocusing our priorities.

NEXT STEP: Do you see yourself as God sees you? What's keeping you from more fully embracing your new identity in Christ?

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. This week, in part 6 of *Decluttering Christianity*, Pastor Dave taught from [Galatians 6](#). As you read it carefully and prayerfully, ask God to show you any ways you might have been like the Galatians. What puzzles you? What makes you uncomfortable? What resonates with you that you need to take some time to talk to God about more? Do you believe you are a new creation ([6:15](#))? Are you pursuing your own glory, or do you find more value in what Christ did for you through the cross ([6:14](#))?
2. In Galatians 6 we learn that the best way we can keep our faith decluttered is by focusing not on what we need to do or not do as a Christian, but on what God wants us to be — a new creation in Christ. He calls us to not walk this journey alone but to do so with other Christians, to not see this as a quick process, and to continue surrendering your will to His. Which of these seems easiest to you? Which seems hardest? Why?
3. This idea of being a new creation in Christ is not limited to Galatians 6:15; it is also found in other places. Read carefully [Ezekiel 36:26-27](#), [Romans 6, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19](#), [Ephesians 4:17-32](#) & [Colossians 3:1-17](#). Note from these Scriptures what all they teach you about what being a new creation is all about.
4. To come to a good grasp of what this book teaches, consider reading through Galatians this week in a different Bible translation than what you are used to (the [New Living Translation](#), [English Standard Version](#), [Easy-to-Read Version](#), [New Century Version](#) and the [Message](#) are good options). As you read, pay attention to Paul's words and consider his motivations behind them.

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- **Blindspot is an NBC TV series** about a woman with no memory of who she is and struggles to discover her identity. Check out the series trailer on [YouTube](#).
- **What does it mean that a Christian is a "new creation"?** This concept which Paul mentions in Galatians he also mentions more clearly in 2 Corinthians. Learn more with this article and video at [gotquestions.org](#). Also, a video on [Vimeo](#) helps us consider what being a new creation means for you.
- **What can the fittest man in history tell us about what matters most in this life?** Rich Froning Jr., known as the fittest man for winning more worldwide CrossFit competitions than anyone since they began, says it's centered in the message of Galatians 6:14. Learn more from this [CBN article & video](#), or from his book, *First*.