

most, if not the most, reliable version we have. Will the antis discredit the 47 scholars here? I hate to say it, but I have seen them do just as the denominations do and the liberals among us do, and that is to get around what they want to get around by one means or the other. If one thing doesn't work, they'll come up with another.

- Brethren, I do not want to get around anything the Bible teaches, rather I want to bring my life into full understanding and conformity to God's Word.
- “**glorify God**” – the individuals gave to God, collected in the church's treasury. This money, God's money, was used in full accordance to Gal. 6:10 “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto **all men, especially** unto them who are of the household of faith.”
 - The collection was **especially** for the poor saints, but I am convinced that it served to help non-Christians as well.
 - Based on the afore mentioned, and most importantly:
 - Based on **God's character** and His great concern for His creation – mankind created in His image! Can you imagine the God of the Bible having us not use His money to help others (non-Christians) created in His own image when they have legitimate needs and we have opportunity??? The antis should look closer at Gal. 6:10 and the whole Bible.
 - **Ephesians 3:21** “Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”
[Definitions (=) are from WordWeb.info]

Please think on this: This collection was by commandment, 1 Cor. 16:1,2 and was specifically (especially) for the poor saints, but not exclusively to saints as we have seen from 2 Cor. 9:11-13. But also study carefully Acts 24:17 “Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.” This is from the same collection and Paul declares plainly, “bring alms to my nation,” surely including non-Christians, if one will accept and not **REJECT the truth. So very plainly the book of Galatians was written to the church (1:2) which includes (6:10) and God gave us two examples of His money being used to help His own (created in the image of God) creation because of His great love and concern for all His creation.**

Gal. 6:10 Is For The Church – Never Give This Truth Up ♥

[Article 4, How dangerous it is to see only what one wants to see!!!]

Think on this which is in next month's article: **The church is bound to do as God instructs the individual Christian in every respect in as much as is possible.**



Sound Words



“Hold fast the form of sound words”

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(2 Tim. 1:13 cp. Tit. 1:9; Jude 3)

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Church of Christ Non-Institutional (NI) Study (Article 3 – Gal. 6:10 Is Something The Church Can Do And Therefore Must Do)

(A Series of Articles Dealing With This Doctrine Which Has So Miserably Divided The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ)
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I know many are caught up in the NI errors for reasons from total innocency to total ignorancy, one example, new converts to that church. But then there surely are those who are just downright dishonest people who use religion for their own personal gains. Jesus warned of such unscrupulous people as well as did others in the Bible (cp. Matt. 7:15; 23:15; 2 Peter 1:1-3; 1 Peter 5:8). And I want to expose those errors very plainly and as hard as I can in order that the innocent ones may see the truth and just how ungodly those errors are.

**Galatians 6:10 Is Something The Church Can Do
And Therefore Must Do**

It is futile for the NI church to try to prove that Gal. 6:10 is not for the church. It is for the church and so clearly stated, “unto the churches of Galatia” (Gal. 1:2). Plainly stated to the church, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10).

- ♥ Is it possible for **the church** to have “opportunity” to do good unto all *men*, including using God’s money (the church’s treasury) to help people who are created by God and in the image of God; who may have never even heard the gospel of Christ; who may not even have the ability to understand that gospel because of their youth or even mental incompetence? **Yes!** And may those who say no consider cautiously their understanding of God and His Word.
- ♥ Is it possible for **the church** to “do good” unto all *men*, including using God’s money? **Yes!**
- ♥ The only reason why the church could not do good unto all *men*, including using God’s money is because of men REJECTING the truth from God. We will see later some possible reasons why they REJECT the truth on this subject.
- ♥ **There is absolutely no Scriptural reason for the church not to obey Gal. 6:10 using the church’s treasury.**
- ♥ **The antis cannot prove that Gal. 6:10 is something that the church cannot do.** They are guilty of REJECTING a commandment of God and a commandment which involves the second greatest commandment (see Matt. 22:39).

As with the denominations: The basic theme of error is REJECTION of God’s truth no matter how they go about it.

Galatians 6:10 “As we have therefore **opportunity**, let us do **good** unto **all men**, **especially** unto them who are of the household of faith.”

- ♥ “**opportunity**” = A possibility due to a favorable combination of circumstances. Example: When the church has sufficient funds and anyone has a sincere need, including non-Christians (Matt. 22:39), the church may help in accordance with Bible principles.
- ♥ “**good**” = Having desirable or positive qualities especially those suitable for a thing specified. Example: Sometimes the good may be done by a member of the church giving a ride to someone in need, or mowing their lawn until the one responsible is able to mow again. Sometimes the needs are extensive and may be best served by the church cooperating (a list of volunteers for example) to take care of the need without anyone being unduly burdened (principle of 2 Cor. 8:13,14, etc.). Sometimes it is wiser and acceptable to give money. When godly men (such as elders) decide who to help and how, and if it is by some monetary means and money is taken from the treasury, **every faithful contributing member has a part in that good work and God is glorified by it** (Eph. 3:21). That is God’s

system and it is marvelous.

- ♥ “**all men**,” is very obviously referring to the non-Christian as well as members of the church: “... all *men*, **especially** unto them who are of the household of faith.” You see the contrast and a very understandable and appropriate contrast our Lord has made. You see this contrast elsewhere in the New Testament, such as in the distribution of the collection (next paragraph).
- ♥ “**especially**” = To a distinctly greater extent or degree than is common; In a special manner. Example: Concerning the collection of **1 Cor. 16:1,2** for the poor saints, I believe we see an example of some of that money given to help non-Christians, note: **2 Cor. 9:11-13** “Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; ¹³Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto **all men**;” Let us start with “all *men*” and work backwards:
 - “**all men**” of this reading, 2 Cor. 9:11-13 compared (cp.) to “**all men**” of Gal. 6:10.
 - In both instances we find “*men*” in the KJV, which I use, to be supplied by the translators and indicated by *italicization*.
 - I know of no one who disputes that in **Gal. 6:10** the “**all men**” includes the non-Christian.
 - But in **2 Cor. 9:11-13** the antis seem desperate to want “**all men**” to refer to saints only.
 - Look at 2 Cor. 9:11-13 above and see how that fits: “them” clearly refers back to the saints. So, according to the antis, the Bible would read, “unto them (saints), and unto all (saints).” I do not believe the Holy Spirit intended that at all!!! I am not a Greek scholar, but do I have scholarly support for my conclusion? I think so:
 - The KJV translated this and supplied the word “*men*,” which in the KJV such supplied words by the translators are *italicized*, which is a great help for Bible students. The point is, these translators inserted “*men*” for clarity and not “*saints*.” **Is it not obvious what the translators believed?** The KJV was translated by 47 of the “best” scholars. You can check that out.
 - Multitudes of people, including me, believe the KJV to be a