



METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES
For the week of September 16 – September 22, 2017
Lesson #13 of **“The Gospel in Galatians”**



The Gospel *and the Church*

Memory Text: *“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”* ([Galatians 6:10 KJV](#)).

Additional Verses for Meditation and Study This Week:

*Galatians 6:1-10; Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Romans 15:1;
John 13:34; Luke 22:3;*

Main Thought for the Week: Do we rightly understand the relationship between the Church and the Gospel? God has made the Church His vehicle for bringing mankind into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. The church is not an exclusive club for elitists, but a “sanctuary” from the slavery of sin and death. This week, we will look at some of the functions that the Church is meant to play as it pertains to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will also take some time to understand what it means for us to “reap what we sow”.



Sowing and Reaping

Thursday's Summary – September 21:

1. How is the principle of sowing and reaping exemplified in the scriptures?

1 Kings 2:42-44 _____

Galatians 6:7-8 _____

Acts 5:1-5 _____

2 Corinthians 9:6 _____

ILLUMINATION: The Spirit of God keeps evil under the control of conscience. When man exalts himself above the influence of the Spirit, he reaps a harvest of iniquity. Over such a man the Spirit has less and less influence to restrain him from sowing seeds of disobedience. Warnings have less and less power over him. He gradually loses his fear of God. He sows to the flesh; he will reap corruption. The harvest of the seed that he himself has sown, is ripening. He has a contempt for God's holy commandments. His heart of flesh becomes a heart of stone. Resistance to truth confirms him in iniquity. It is because men sowed seeds of evil, that lawlessness, crime, and violence prevailed in the antediluvian world.

All should be intelligent in regard to the agency by which the soul is destroyed. It is not because of any decree that God has sent out against man. He does not make man spiritually blind. God gives sufficient light and evidence to enable man to distinguish truth from error. But He does not force man to receive truth. He leaves him free to choose the good or to choose the evil. If man resists evidence that is sufficient to guide his judgment in the right direction, and chooses evil once, he will do this more readily the second time. The third time he will still more eagerly withdraw himself from God and choose to stand on the side of Satan. And in this course he will continue until he is confirmed in evil, and believes the lie he has cherished as truth. His resistance has produced its harvest (**MS 126, 1901**).

– Ellen G. White Comments, **SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 6**, pp. 1112

