OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND  
(Galatians 6:10)

I. “As we have therefore opportunity...”
   A. This is an interesting phrase because of the meaning of two of the words that are in it.
   B. The word “have” can carry the idea of possessing something.
      1. You are in possession of an opportunity to do something.
      2. We know these type of possessions do not last because opportunities to do things don’t always last.
      3. We have the opportunity right now to help people in need.
      4. Sadly, this need will be around for awhile due to the amount of damage that has been done.
      5. However, other opportunities may not last so long.
      6. You may have one opportunity to teach someone the gospel and one only.
      7. You may be in possession of one opportunity to aid someone.
      8. That opportunity is a possession that we must use in order to be pleasing to God.
   C. The other interesting word is “opportunity.”
      1. I want to read you what the Greek Word Study I use says about this word: “kairos implies that which time gives an opportunity to do. Kairos, however, implies not the convenience of season, but the necessity of the task at hand whether the time provides a good, convenient season or not.”
      2. Did you get that?
      3. This word means that when the opportunity is there then we are seize it whether it is at a convenient time or not.
      4. We can’t sit back and say, well I can’t right now so I’ll just get the next opportunity that comes by.
   D. We possess opportunities which we must seize whether or not it is at a convenient time for us or not.

II. “Let us do good...”
   A. Those opportunities that we possess are for one purpose: doing good.
   B. The little word “do” carries the idea of being employed in something.
      1. In other words, it is our job to do good.
      2. This is what the Lord did - He went about doing good.
      3. It is the business of Christians to do good to others.
      4. The reason for such is that God is glorified and pleased when we are employed in this manner (Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 13:16).
   C. The word “good” implies that the things we do are to be benevolent, profitable and useful.
      1. The things we do when these possessions become ours are to be beneficial for others.
      2. They are done out of a benevolent spirit.
      3. Sadly, many people do things with television crews and reporters...
following them.

4. They are done for show and to gain notoriety not out of pure motives.

5. The child of God views these possessions as opportunities to glorify God while being useful to others.

D. Our job is to do good things, not harmful things or no things (1 Peter 3:10-11; James 4:17).
   1. We can hurt the cause of Christ deeply when we either do nothing or do things that are not profitable and benevolent.
   2. We are not in this world to seek our own good, but the good of others.

III. “Unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”
   A. In this phrase of the verse, we see who are the recipients of our good deeds - everyone, especially Christians.
   B. All means just that.
      1. There is no one who fails to fall into this category.
      2. We are to do good to our enemies when the opportunity presents itself, even if it is not convenient for us (Luke 6:27).
      3. We are no better than the world when we only help those that do good to us (Luke 6:33).
   C. The word “especially” carries the idea of “to the greatest degree.”
      1. We are to never let a brother or sister in Christ do without or go uncared for in some way.
      2. We are to seek to be profitable or useful to all men and Christians to the greatest degree.
      3. We are to go as far as we can to help out brethren.
   D. We have opportunities to do that now.
      1. Some of our brethren have lost all that they own.
      2. Some of our brethren lost their lives in the storms that ravaged our area.
      3. In what ways we can, we must, not need to, but must help them even if it we have to put ourselves out to do so.
   E. If we do this, I believe we will realize that we really aren’t being put out at all.
      1. We might give extra effort and we should.
      2. When we do so, we will benefit from it as well as the one to whom we did the good.