

## Galatians Chapter Six – Gal. 6:1-18 – “Bear and Share the Burdens” Sunday, October 14, 2018

- ❖ Last week we examined that a **FOLLOWER** of Jesus Christ...is free from the Law...and possesses **LIBERTY** in the Spirit.
  - In **Galatians chapter 6**...we learn that we must **FULFILL** the law of Christ ...the law of **LOVE**...and this can only be accomplished in the **POWER** of the Spirit.
    - To live a life like that involves...**SACRIFICIAL** service directed toward sinning Christians...burdened Christians...pastor-teachers...and...in fact...all people.
  
- ❖ **Gal. 6:1-5 – “Bear one another’s burdens”**
  - **Ver.1 - “Brethren”** – denoting unity – fellowship of life → members of the same family.
    - **“over-taken”** – to catch suddenly...without notice...a **SURPRISE**...before he is aware of what happened...OR...an exceptional case implying...a **SCANDALOUS** or **FLAGRANT** sin...perhaps even seen by someone else.
    - **“spiritual”** – to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit – possessing and exhibiting the **GIFTS** of the Spirit → displaying the **FRUITS** of the Spirit.
    - **“gentleness”** – to display **MEEKNESS...MILDNESS...PATIENCE**.
    - **“considering”** – continual...diligent **ATTENTIVENESS**.
  - **Ver. 2 – “Bear”** – to bear **PATIENTLY**...to be **UNWAVERING** in your support...and with **ENDURANCE**...infers one is committed to spending **TIME**...in bearing another’s burden.
    - **SLIDE** - **“burden”** – a burden resulting in **TROUBLE** and **SORROW**...an **EXTRA HEAVY LOAD**...a **CRUSHING** load...a load that one man **CANNOT** carry!
    - **“the law of Christ”** – the law of **LOVE**...which fulfills the **ENTIRE** Law.
  - **Ver. 3 – Self deception is the **WORST** kind of deception!**
    - **Rom. 12:3** – <sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”
    - If anyone thinks of himself more highly than he ought to...then **“he deceives himself”** → **READ James 1:22 & 26** → **1 John 1:8** → **Rev. 3:17**.
  - **Ver. 4 – “examine”** – to hold a trial and collect proof...to approve something after testing it.
    - **“his own work”** - **SLIDE** – **C. Smith**: “Paul suggests that we examine the motivation behind our works to determine whether we did our best. We shouldn’t judge our works in comparison to the works of others, but in comparison to our ideal in Jesus Christ.” → **READ Luke 18:10-14**.
  - **Ver. 5 – This does **NOT** contradict Ver. 2 – “bear”** – to carry in the hands or on the shoulders...like a servant would.
    - **SLIDE** - **“load”** – a small load...not an **“extra heavy...crushing load”** as in **Ver. 2**...it refers to the burden of one’s own responsibilities and failures.
      - **“My yoke is easy...My burden is light”** – **Matt. 11:30**.
  
- ❖ **Gal. 6:6-10 – Sowing and Reaping**
  - **Ver. 6 – 1 Tim. 5:17-18**.
  - **Ver. 7-8 – Ver. 7 **DEFINES** the law of sowing and reaping.**

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- **Ver. 8** defines the **FRUIT** of sowing and reaping.
  - You cannot live a life that tries to please God...**AND**...please the flesh.
    - ♦ Many Christians **DECEIVE** themselves into thinking...that they can **FEED** their flesh...and still have a good relationship with God.
- **Ver. 9** – “**weary**” – to be **REMISS** or **SLOTHFUL** in duty...to **LOSE** heart → **READ** **Luke 18:1-8**.
- **SLIDE** – **Walvoord**: “But Christians may become discouraged with spiritual sowing because the harvest is often long in coming. In the face of this reality the apostle charged the Galatians not to become weary or give up because the harvest is sure. (Paul included himself as he no doubt contemplated his sometimes frustrating labors on behalf of the Galatian Christians.) The reaping will come at God’s proper time, which may be only in part in this life and in full in the life to come at the judgment seat of Christ.”
  - **PERSONAL COMMENTS**...
- **Ver. 10** – As Christians we have a **MEASURE** of responsibility to “**do good to all**” people...this clearly addresses our **SOCIAL** responsibility to others....so we should not restrict our benevolence...but our first **PRIORITY** is to other **BELIEVERS**.
  
- ❖ **Gal. 6:11-15** – The Motives of the Judaizers Unmasked
  - **Ver. 12** – **Gal. 5:11** – just the opposite...the Judaizer’s preach circumcision...so they won’t be persecuted by other Jews.
  - **Ver. 13** – **READ** **Acts 15:5-10**.
  - **Ver. 14** – “I am dead to the world...and I am dead to the desires of the world...the lust of the flesh...lust of the eyes...and the pride of life...hold no attraction for me.”
  - **Ver. 15** – **Gal. 5:6** – The only thing that matters...is to be **BORN AGAIN!**
    - **John 3:3-5** – “Born **ONCE** (physically)...die twice (physically and spiritually)...Born **TWICE** (physically and spiritually)...die once (physically).”
  
- ❖ **Gal. 6:16-18** –
  - **Ver. 16** – “**As many as walk according to this rule**” – **WHAT** rule?...according to the message of salvation that states “For by grace you have been saved by faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.” – **Eph. 2:8**.
  - **Ver. 17** – “**trouble me**” – to give one trouble...to vex...Paul is calling for an end to **HOSTILITIES** with the Judaizers...based upon his **AUTHORITY** as a **TRUE APOSTLE**.
    - **SLIDE** – **C. Smith**: “Paul was tired of defending his teachings and ministry and his faithful and committed conduct. His willingness to suffer beatings and imprisonment for his testimony, and the abundant fruit from his ministry should have been enough to dispel any doubts that arose when the false teachers attacked Paul’s teachings.”
  - **Ver. 18** - So...Paul ends this letter...just like he began it...**GRACE!**...Not the Law of Moses...but the “**grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**” – there is nothing more to be said...because **THAT** says it all!