

to the churches of Galatia

#12, bearing one another's burdens, Gal 6:1-10

Though the churches of Galatia were probably obedient in "church discipline", their heart attitude toward the one caught in sin, was less than it should be.

1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

[1.] v:1, Brethren, From the following make the best choice as to whom this command was given.

- a) The Republican party.
- b) All Americans.
- c) Baptists.
- d) Those who are born again.

[2.] v:1 again, any trespass, Write down your definition as to what these could be.

[3.] v:1 again, you who are spiritual, We ended the last lesson with the verse: Gal 5:25, If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
Compare living in the Spirit with living in the flesh.

[4.] question [3.], What is the Christian like who walks by the Spirit?

I Cor 2:14-3:3, But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.
And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, 3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

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[5.] The reference from I Cor 2:14-3:3, (page 1), describes three types of people. What are the types?

[6.] I Cor 2:14-3:3, Select the type God intended to restore the person (Gal 6:1) and jot down your reason for choosing this person.

[7.] Back to Gal 6:1, restore such a one, Below is the Gk. definition of restore (; to complete thoroughly). Jot down what you would consider to be an incomplete restoration.

restore, NT:2675 (*kat-ar-tid'-zo*); from NT:2596 and a derivative of NT:739; to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust:
KJV - fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

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[8.] v:1, in a spirit of gentleness: From the last lesson "gentleness" was a fruit of the Spirit and you wrote down its definition. Why would God want a gentle person to handle the task of restoring the one caught in sin?

[9.] v:1 last time, each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. This phrase seems to imply a startling fact. What is the fact?

2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

[10.] v:2, one another, From the list below, select who this is.

- a) Only born again Christians who are Americans.
- b) Only born again Christians who are Baptists.
- c) Only born again Christians who are family members.
- d) Born again Christians

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v:2b, the law of Christ

Not to be confused with that which God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai, this is Christ's law that fulfills the law of Moses. John 13:34-35, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 " By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

[11.] Jn 13:35, all men will know, How are Christ's disciples truly identified?

Rom 13:8-10, Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

[12.] Rom 13:8-10, the fulfillment of the law, Describe why this is the same as the command in Gal 5:14.

[13.] I Timothy 1:3-11, not to teach strange doctrines, Review Paul's first letter to Timothy. What strange doctrine did Paul want corrected?

Gal 6:3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For each one will bear his own load.

[14.] v:3, if anyone thinks he is something, This teaching is to correct the assumption that one Christian is "better" than the one who was, (v:1) caught in any trespass. How is the Christian described who thinks this?

[15.] v:4-5, examine his own work, In regard to Christian living, what is each Christian's responsibility?

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At this point you might be thinking, Hey, in v:2 and v:5, Paul contradicted himself! I'm glad you brought that up! Let's take a look.

v:2,	Αλληλων	τα	βαρη	βασταζετε,	etc.
	one another's	the	loads	bear ye	
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v:5,	εκαστος	γαρ	το	ιδιον	φορτιον	βαστασει.
	each	for	his	own	load	bear
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(v:2), **load**, NT:922 (*bar'-os*); probably from the same as NT:939 (through the notion of going down; compare NT:899); weight; in the N. T. only figuratively, a load, abundance, authority:
KJV - burden (-some), weight.

(v:5), **load**, NT:5413 (*for-tee'-on*); diminutive of NT:5414; an invoice (as part of freight), i.e. (figuratively) a task or service:
KJV - burden.

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[16.] Gal 6:2 & 5, What is the difference between the two Gk. words translated as "load"?

[17.] If the congregation were pressed into unconditionally loving the repentant person and they resented it, what could erupt and what should "the spiritual" do about?

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6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. 10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

[18.] v:6, share all good things, **In our study of the first missionary journey, Acts 14:21-23 tells of Paul returning through Galatia and appointing elders. Now in this study Paul has to remind the Galatian churches about supporting teachers. What, do you feel, was happening to the elders ?**

[19.] v:7-8, whatever a man sows, **We are all sowing to something. Some Christians just look after themselves. Give some examples of what they reap.**

[20] v:9-10, let us do good, **Who are Christians commanded to help?**

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