

L16: Galatians 6:1-6: Bear Ye One Another's Burdens

Introduction:

- The works of the flesh - such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God
- The fruit of the Spirit - such things shall inherit the kingdom of God
 - "against such there is no law" - the law worketh death, the promise doesn't come by the law, the flesh, but by promise
- One that belongs to Christ have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts
 - "We live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"
 - We have crucified the flesh
 - When we began with Christ (baptism into Christ)
 - When we were confronted with God's holiness in the gospel and its' worthiness of eternal condemnation bore for us by Christ on the Cross.

Preview:

- Spiritual restoration
 - A fault
 - "spirit of meekness"
 - Bear one another's burdens
 - Fulfil the law of Christ
- If a man think himself to be something (Romans 12:3ff)
- Bearing Two Burdens
 - Bear one another's burdens
 - Bear his own burden

Sermon:

(Galatians 6:1) Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

- **"Brethren"** - 11 times in Galatians
 - 1:2, 11; 2:4; 3:15; 4:12, 28, 31; 5:11, 13; 6:1, 18
 - 1 time false brethren (2:4)
- **"if a man be overtaken in a fault"**
 - Stand fast in in the liberty (Gal. 6:1)
 - What one is to do when one isn't standing fast
 - What we do when one is overtaken in a fault
 - Functioning as a member of the new creature, the church which is His body
 - Galatians 6:15
 - **"a man"** - a justified brother

- **"overtaken"** - beforehand, taketh before
- **"fault"** - sin, trespasses
 - Properly, an erring or missing; a failing; hence, an error or mistake; a blunder; a defect; a blemish
 - **1 Corinthians 6:7** - "one going to law one with another"
 - **Hebrews 8:8** - "for finding fault with them" - the law the means of finding the fault (to blame)
- Do not "bite and devour", do not "consume" one another. Do not seek vain glory and exploit one's faults.
- **"ye which are spiritual"**
 - Romans 8:5-9
 - 1 Corinthians 2:9-16, 3:1-3
 - Galatians 5
 - Those that:
 - "faith which worketh by love"
 - "by love serve one another."
 - Bear "the fruit of the Spirit"
 - "walk in the Spirit"
- **"restore"**
 - Mend, perfect, fitted, prepared, framed
 - To return to a person, as a specific thing which he has lost, or which has been taken from him; replace; to return; as a person or thing to a former place. (to bring back)
 - Body - heal, cure, make sound
 - 1 Corinthians 1:10 - "perfectly joined together"
 - **"such an one"** - a brother overtaken in fault
 - **"in the spirit of meekness"**
 - "considering thyself" - the temptation, the difficulty
 - Hebrews 2:14-18 - merciful (make reconciliation)
 - Partook of flesh and blood
 - Died
 - Suffered being tempted
 - He is able to succour (sa-kor)
 - Hebrews 4:15 - "touched with the feeling of our infirmities"
 - **"lest thou also be tempted."** - be not highminded, but fear
 - Romans 12:17 - "be not wise in your own conceits"
 - 1 Corinthians 4:21 - Paul's restoration of the Corinthians
 - 2 Corinthians 10:1 - Paul's further restoration of the Corinthians
 - 2 Timothy 2:25 - Paul's instruction to Timothy of restoration

(Galatians 6:2) Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

- **"Bear ye one another's burdens"**
 - "bear" - to support; to sustain
 - To carry from place to place
 - Understand, sympathize, don't condone, don't say its' right, but lead someone to understand it was a fault and then restore, carrying them out of there
 - **"burdens"** - Weight or going down, or overtaken
 - Matt. 23:4
- **"and so fulfill the law of Christ."**
 - The operating principle of Christ to bear burdens, to be touched by infirmities, to consider oneself, to suffer temptation and succour them - to help, to relieve, to assist, to deliver
 - This is how faith worketh by love

(Galatians 6:3) For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

- Circumcision, praise outward in the flesh, praise of men
- 1 Corinthians 3:18 - "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."
 - Romans 12:3, 16

(Galatians 6:4) But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

- **"But let every man prove his own work"**
 - One's own conduct built upon the authority of God's Word
 - 2 Corinthians 10:11-18
- **"and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone"**
 - Not measuring yourself by other teachers and there ministries
 - Rejoice in what you know and what your growing to know
 - Persuaded himself in what he has come to know
- **"and not in another."**
 - Galatians 4:17-18
 - They care about you as a number, not for your soul
 - They get praise from you and you get death from them
 - 2 Corinthians 11:18-21

(Galatians 6:5) For every man shall bear his own burden.

- **"for every man shall bear his own burden."**
 - We will be judged for bear other's burdens and bearing our own burden.
 - Now we bear other's burdens to fulfill the law of Christ
 - In the future we will bear our own burden
 - Task or service
 - Our own work
 - Knowledge that led to conduct
 - Romans 14:10-15
 - Whether it be not walking charitably in the midst of doubtful disputations, or
 - Not having a faith which worketh by love, but the flesh with an appearance
 - What a mockery made out of God when the church pursues numbers apart from His work, but God is not mocked.
 - Galatians 6:7
 - 1 Corinthians 3:8-15
 - 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

(Galatians 6:6) Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

- **"Let him that is taught in the word"**
 - Mark 7:13
 - Not taught in the traditions of the fathers
 - Galatians 1:14
 - 2 Tim. 4:2 - preach the word
- **"communicate unto him that teacheth"**
 - 1 Cor. 9:6-12
 - 2 Tim. 2:4
 - Set apart to give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine
 - To not entangle themselves with the affairs of this life that they may minister to the saints the things of the life to come
 - **"communicate"** - distribute (Rom. 12:12), have been made partakers (Rom. 15:27), communicated {giving and receiving} (Php. 4:15), partakers (Heb. 2:14)
- **"in all good things."**
 - What is needful to be set apart to be wholly given to "the word" to "preach and teach" to others
 - What is more that which further enables this operation with caution of abuse and greed.

Conclusion:

- Each member of the body is responsible for others and their restoration
- Do not take for granted those that teach you in the word where there is liberty are scarce - remember Galatians 4:27,
 - "For it is written, rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband."
 - There are many that have the number, they have the appearance, but are desolate and there are many more of those than she which hath a husband and free.
- And when you have one that teaches you in the word you ought to communicate to them in all good things because the spiritual things delivered to you from the labor of reading, study, preaching, and teaching can never be repayed with carnal things, but those carnal things can further provide stability, time, etc to receive more spiritually from that ministering ox.
 - Don't bear with those that don't teach you the word, don't be affected by them, exclude yourself from them, but when you are under one that teaches you in the word as the writer of Hebrews agrees with Paul you ought to obey and submit for you then obey and submit under God and that man or men are shepherds of your souls - the only thing you will take with you to the next life. In other words, they care for you in the most important way that one can.
 - For my fellow pastors don't be discouraged by those that leave your ministry - your attitude toward them is to have your care remain that you desire for them to find one that which they think can care for their soul through the teaching of the word of God.
 - My encouragement to you is
 - Examine yourself to make sure you are teaching the word of God - rightly divided (which goes beyond right division)
 - But also be encouraged, that if some leave because you are too young, maybe too old, your speech is contemptible, your taking too long in the word of God, or not long enough in the word of God, but not that you are teaching the word of God than rejoice in Christ for they have left on personal preference not based upon the authority of scripture for godly reason to leave.
 - Listen pastors and members far too many exclude themselves from a church on basis' that are not biblical grounds and all too many today, not all, but many that are Christian consumers wanting the church to provide a day care, programs, concerts, with little preaching is a church catering to this world - it just is.
 - Or many depart a church based upon differences of opinion of application of the doctrine, of color paint, furniture, kind of music, how much music, etc - how fickle are we or how built up in godly charity are we that can be applied in these and others situations and circumstances.