

“YOU WHO ARE SPIRITUAL”

Galatians Chapter 6

D) SEVEN KEYS TO SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS (v1-10):

> **KEY #1 – RESTORE SPIRITUALLY (v1)** - *restore gently - speaks of setting a broken bone.*

Observe the Sinner's Five Step Program: (1) **Correction** - James 5:19-20 - *Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.* (2) **Confession** - I Jn 1:9- *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (3) **Forgiveness** - Luke 17:3-4 - *"Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."* (The Peter Principle – $70 \times 7 = 490$, Matthew 18:21,22) (4) **Restoration** - Col 3:12-14- *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.* (5) **Beware of temptation** – to condemn, to harshly discipline, to be unloving or unforgiving, to be enticed to engage in their sin.

> **KEY #2 – BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS (v2)** – In other words **DISCIPLE ONE ANOTHER**, through the Word, prayer, sharing and caring; especially with the one overtaken in a trespass. How do we fulfill the law of Christ? Jesus said, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you."* (John 13:34)

> **KEY #3 – BE HUMBLE, HAPPY & RESPONSIBLE (v3-5)** – Always remember that God made you, saved you and is working through for His glory. *"To bear your own load"* is to be responsible to your calling, invest those talents into the work of Christ (Mt. 25:14-30). Alan Redpath would exhort pastors to pray, *"Thy Kingdom come, my kingdom go! Not my will, but thy will be done!"*

> **KEY #4 – DISCIPLES ARE TO BLESS THE DISCIPLERS (v6)** – Luke 10:1-12; 1 Cor 9:11,14 - *If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things . . . Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.*

> **KEY #5 – SOW TO THE SPIRIT (v7-8)** - Eph 5:9 - *for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth; Gal 5:22-25 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. An example of sowing to the flesh and reaping corruption is the story of Samson & Delilah (Judges Ch. 16) – SIN BINDS, SIN BLINDS, & SIN GRINDS!*

> **KEY #6 – LET'S NOT GROW WEARY IN DOING GOOD (v9)** – Paul's personal endurance is inspirational, whereas, toward the end of his life he said, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."* (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

> **KEY #7 – LET'S DO GOOD TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH (v10)** - Hebrews 10:24-25 - *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching*

II) PAUL'S FAREWELL (v11-18)

- What's important? The **CROSS** of our Lord **JESUS CHRIST** & a **NEW CREATION!**

AT THE CROSS OF CHRIST-

- **You receive salvation** - 1 Corinthians 1:18 - *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

- **Your sins are forgiven** - 1 Peter 2:24 - *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

- **You'll find peace** - Col 1:20 - *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. (Eph. 2:13-18)*

- **Beware! There are enemies of the cross**- Phil 3:18-19 - *(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)*

- **Believers are called to endure to the end**- Heb 12:1-3- *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*

(Story of "Two Criminals"- Dr. Luke's account of the cross- Luke 23:33-47)

At the cross one finds the greatest act of human bravery!

At the cross one finds freedom from sinful slavery!

At the cross one embraces loves greatest sacrifice!

At the cross one discovers everlasting life!