

I. Intro

A. Scripture Focus: **Gal. 6:7-8**

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B. Recap

1. Spirit is marked by patient abiding and depending on the Person of Jesus.
 - a. Spirit filled life is a life that is characterized by
 - i. Total faith in Jesus.
 - ii. Total reliance upon the grace of God.
 - iii. Total freedom from the responsibility of supplying our own need.
2. Spirit-filled life produces fruit.
3. Spirit-filled life promotes new passions
 - a. **Gal. 5:24:** *¹⁴And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires*.
 - i. Old passions and desires... gone
 - ii. New passions and desires... inserted
 - b. **Gal. 5:13:** *¹³For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*
 - i. Newfound freedom is an opportunity and empowerment to serve like never before.

II. If the Spirit lives in you, then should something be coming out of you?

A. **Delivered to Deliver (v. 1-5)**

1. Restoration is a mark of Spiritual Maturity (v.1)

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. (Gal. 6:1)

- a. Head on a swivel

Tresspass: overstepping an obvious boundary

Overtaken: To be taken in advance. To be surprised. To anticipate with the intention to stall

- i. Harriet Tubman
- ii. Anticipate the anticipation
- b. Restoration; not condemnation
- Restore (katartizo #2675): to mend (like with broken nets), to set (as with broken bones), to strengthen and complete, to realign so that something grows into what it ought to be.
- c. Restoration is Intimidating Work
 - i. Confrontation
 - ii. Correction
 - iii. Challenge
- d. Dangerous Work:
 - i. Could lose sight of who the chain breaker is!
 - ii. Consider yourself.
 - iii. Recognize your weaknesses and constant need of a deliverer.

2. Got Burdens?

²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵For each one shall bear his own load. (Gal. 6:2-5)

- a. Life of faith (life in the Spirit) is far reaching
 - i. Deals with personal burdens and spreads like wildfire
- b. Carry personal burdens and lay them at the feet of Jesus.

- i. Ps. 55:22: “*Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.*”
- ii. 1 Pet. 5:7: “*...Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*”
- iii. Matt. 11:28-30: “²⁸*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*”

- c. Give your back to carry others burdens and lay them at the feet of Jesus.
 - i. Intercession
 - ii. Leading back to the cross
 - iii. Radical Reliance on the blood of Jesus

B. Do Good until... Due Season Comes (v. 6-10)

- 1. Spirit filled life (life of faith/grace) is bigger than you. Do good.

⁶*Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.*
(Gal. 6:6)

- a. Overflow: Take in and release out
 - i. John 4:13-14: “¹³*Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”*
 - ii. John 7:38: “³⁸*He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*”

b. Impartation

- i. Share gifts
- ii. Share knowledge
- iii. Share in patience
- iv. Share burdens
- v. Share in material things

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2. Unprecedented Return on your Investment. Do good.

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a. Universal Sowing Principal

- i. Gen. 8:20-22: ²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. ²²“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night shall not cease.”
- ii. Sow (Plant)  Reap (Gather Harvest)

b. Harvest is based on the seed sown.

- i. Sow “Flesh Seeds” (works, law, bondage)
 - Abide in “You”, get what “You” produce
 - Reap a harvest of what the flesh produces (corruption, disappointment, and over-fatigue)
- ii. Sow “Spirit Seeds” (faith, grace, freedom)

- Abide in the True Vine, get what Jesus produces
- Reap a harvest of what the Spirit produces (love, joy, peace)

3. Due Season is Coming

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. (Gal. 6:9)

- a. Season for harvest is closer than you think.
- b. Don't lose heart. Don't give up.
 - i. Don't give up bearing other's burdens.
 - ii. Don't give up interceding for others.
 - iii. Don't give up forging.
 - iv. Don't give up serving others
 - v. Don't give up setting up a coffee bar.
 - vi. Don't give up teaching other people's kids.
- c. Just keep sowing, until the season shifts. The Harvest is Coming. It's Guaranteed.

C. Discriminate in Your Boasting (v. 11-15)

¹¹ See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! ¹² As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. (Gal. 6:11-13)

- 1. Most letters in this day were written by dictation.
 - a. Paul made it clear that he took the time to personal scribble these words.

- b. Paul had a genuine love, and passion to invest in the Galatians
 - i. Labored in birth pains until Christ was formed in them through the true gospel.
- c. Those that try to hold you to the law, don't keep the law themselves.
 - i. Their desire is to brag about you... so that you may brag about them.

2. Be careful what you brag about!

¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. (Gal. 6:14-15)

III. Conclusion: Discretionary Boasting points toward the Person of Jesus Christ.

A. God the Father boasts on Jesus.

1. **Matt. 3:16-17**: *This is my beloved Son, ...*
2. **Heb. 1:13**: *Which of the angels has [the Father] ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool"?*

B. Holy Spirit Boasts About Jesus.

1. **John 16:13-14**: *...When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."*

C. Even Jesus Boasted about Jesus

1. **John 8:58**: *"Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*

D. You ought to boast on Jesus

1. Be like Paul and pick up your boasting game.
 - a. **Phil. 3:4-8**: *⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the*

Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

2. Here are God's instructions for boasting:
 - a. **Jer. 9:23**: *This is what the **LORD** says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches.*
*²⁴ But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the **LORD** who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the **LORD**, have spoken!*

E. In Christ, circumcision doesn't profit you at all.

1. Affiliation doesn't profit you at all.
2. Denomination doesn't profit you at all.
3. Titles don't profit you at all.

*Only thing that matters is, "Do you know Jesus?"