

One anothering by the Spirit

Galatians 5:25-6:5

Introduction

Keep in Step with the Spirit

❖ *Galatians 5:25-26*

Restoring one another by the Spirit

❖ *Galatians 6:1*

1. Who needs restoring?
 2. Who does the restoring?
 3. How to restore well?
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Helping one another by the Spirit

❖ *Galatians 6:2*

1. What's a burden?

the weighty things in life under which we groan.

“every type of oppressing affliction that is capable of being shared by the brotherhood.”¹

- Medical conditions
- Difficult or Broken relationships
- The loss of loved ones
- Less than victorious sin struggles
- Financial difficulties
- Overwhelming tasks of various kinds

¹ HK NTC, Olivetree Edition

- Christian Persecution

2. EVERYONE has burdens

Paul is not telling people WITHOUT burdens to help those WITH burdens. He's telling BURDENED people to lend a helping hand and a loving prayer to other BURDENED people.

3. NO ONE can carry their burden alone

- ❖ Mark 9:50—*be at peace with one another.*
- ❖ Romans 12:10—*Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*
- ❖ Romans 12:16—*Live in harmony with one another.*
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 16:20—*All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.*
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 13:11—*Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*
- ❖ Galatians 5:13—*...through love serve one another.*
- ❖ Ephesians 4:32—*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*
- ❖ Ephesians 5:21—*submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*
- ❖ Colossians 3:16—*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*
- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:11—*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*
- ❖ Hebrews 3:13—*But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*
- ❖ Hebrews 10:24—*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*
- ❖ James 5:16—*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

4. We need to think of this as a Marathon, not a Sprint

"The word for "burden" (baros) means literally "a heavy weight or stone" someone is required to carry for a long distance.²"

5. The practical/therapeutic value of bearing one another burdens

² George, Timothy (1994-08-03). The New American Commentary Volume 30 - Galatians (Kindle Locations 10127-10128). B&H Publishing. Kindle Edition.

6. Fulfill the Law of Christ

Basically, Paul is saying “Rather than being circumcised so that you can fulfill the law according to the Judaizers, bear one another’s burdens so that you can fulfill the law according to Christ

- ❖ Matthew 22:24-40—*But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

Humility by the Spirit

- ❖ *Galatians 6:3-5*

Closing Invocation