

Series "No Other Gospel"
"Restoration"
Galatians 6:1-5
Part-15

Galatians 6:1 – "restore such a one" – This Greek word "restore" was used as a medical term "for setting a fractured or dislocated bone."

We need to help others but beware that we are not infected by their sin and spreading the same disease to others.

The Thought Of The Passage: "Spiritual Mindedness Means Picking Up The Fallen And Bearing Their Burdens, Yet Being Aware Of Our Weakness."

1. Verse 1 – Pick Them Up

2. Verses 2-5 – Hold Them Up

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Galatians 6:1 – "Brethren," – This serves as the transition. Paul has spoken about being filled with the Spirit, not the flesh! Galatians 5:25-26

Paul now changes from "Selfishness to Selflessness."

"even if anyone is caught" – "not deliberate disobedience but still sinned."
"in any trespass," – "a falling aside, a slip or lapse, an animal cornered by his prey."

1 John 1:8, 10

Why does Paul deal with this subject of a person sinning?

Warren W. Wiersbe said, "Nothing reveals the wickedness of legalism better than the way the legalist treats those who have sinned."

Genesis 9:21-23

1 Peter 4:8

John 8:1-11

There are 3 different types of needy people that we will come across:

- 1. Careless Christian:** Those that have been crippled by their own mistakes.
- 2. Conceited Christian:** They are boasting about their sin, 1 Corinthians 5:1-6.
- 3. Captive Christian:** Those that have erred and wandered from the truth.

James 5:19-20

What Do We Do? First we must determine if they are believers.

“restore” – “put in order, to restore to its former condition.” It was used as a medical term for setting a fractured or dislocated bone.

It speaks of a continuous process, involving time, patience, and discipleship and training.

Matthew 18:15-18

Who Is To Restore The Believer? – “you who are spiritual,” – The term “spiritual” – “mature, spiritual child of God.”

Paul has just described this person: Galatians 5:22-25.

How Should This Be Done? – “in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”

“in a spirit of gentleness;” – The same word for the fruit of the Spirit. “gentleness,” – Meekness is not weakness! “It is great power under control, or restraint.”

“each one looking to yourself,” – Must scrutinize our own life through the process.

1 Timothy 4:16

“Gentleness is born out of the realization of our own weakness and sinful tendencies.”

“each one looking to yourself,” – When we are restoring someone, we need to see ourselves as sinners.

We can't help nor restore others if we don't see ourselves as sinners.

1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 5:16

2. Verses 2-5 – Hold Them Up:

Galatians 6:2 – “burdens” – “a weight or heavy load.”

Psalms 55:22; Matthew 11:28; 1 Peter 5:7

One of the ways that the Lord bears our burdens is through people.

2 Corinthians 7:5-7

“and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.” – This is to love one another,
John 13:34-35.

Galatians 5:14

1 Corinthians 12:25-26

Verse 3 – Humility: Galatians 6:3.

Paul Deals With Attitudes: We think it is beneath our dignity to stoop to help another.

Proverbs 4:23

Our attitudes are important because they will determine our actions.

Galatians 5:26 – “Let us not become boastful,” – to be conceited; “to have an opinion of himself which is empty, vain or false.”

There are 2 things that will happen:

- 1. “challenging one another,”** – “to provoke or challenge somebody to a contest.”

If we think we are superior over others we will challenge them.
We want them to know and feel that we are the superior ones.

- 2. “envying one another.”** – We are jealous of one another's gifts or attainments.

Luke 18:11-12

"he deceives himself." – It is "vainglory;" it is entertaining a false view of ourselves. The issue is that we think he is something when he is nothing.

The Result Of Pride is self-deception.

1 Corinthians 15:10

Verse 4 – His Work: "But each one must examine his own work,"

The Spiritual Christian is concerned about what God is doing in their lives.

"and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone," – That we alone before God is our standard of who we really are.

2 Corinthians 10:12

Verse 5 – Accountability: Galatians 6:5.

"bear his own load" – Is this a contradiction from what Paul already said? Verse 2 – "Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ."

"own load" – "a backpack;" We are to bear one another's burdens which are too heavy for anyone to carry alone; we need the help!

Application:

1. If we walk by the Spirit, We will love one another more.
2. If we walk by the Spirit, We will bear one another's burdens.
3. If we walk by the Spirit, We will not shrink from restoring a person that has fallen.
4. If we walk by the Spirit, We will not compare ourselves to others, but we will examine ourselves in light of the Lord.