

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 02 Sept ..... Galatians 1:1-24 ..... True Gospel
- 2) 09 Sept ..... Galatians 2:1-21 ..... True Grace
- 3) 16 Sept ..... Galatians 3:1-22 ..... True Life
- 4) 23 Sept ..... Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-7 ..... True Heirs
- 5) 30 Sept ..... Galatians 4:8-31 ..... True Freedom
- 6) 07 Oct ..... Galatians 5:1-26 ..... True Fruit
- 7) **14 Oct ..... Galatians 6:1-18 ..... True Compassion**
- 8) 21 Oct ..... James 1:1-18 ..... With Perseverance
- 9) 28 Oct ..... James 1:19-27 ..... With Obedience
- 10) 04 Nov ..... James 2:1-26 ..... With Works
- 11) 11 Nov ..... James 3:1-18 ..... With Control
- 12) 18 Nov ..... James 4:1-17 ..... With Submission
- 13) 25 Nov ..... James 5:1-20 ..... With Anticipation

**INTRODUCTION**

- Paul demonstrates how we can fulfill the LAW of Christ by showing LOVE to those around us – BUT, is it unconditional Love?
- AND, can anyone counsel a troubled soul to comfort or help them, or does it take someone with certain qualifications?

Passage	Comments
Gal 6:1	<p><b>How Do We Get Caught in Any Sin/Trespass/Fault?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Caught” could mean detected, overtaken, or surprised                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Examples:</b> Bad attitude, bad language, bad behavior, or any of the previous sexual, religious, or social sins listed in <a href="#">Gal 5:19-21</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• “You who are spiritual” – In other words, those who exhibit the fruit of the Spirit listed in <a href="#">Gal 5:22-23</a></li> <li>• So, how do we help someone who cheated on their spouse? Or can't stop going into debt? Others???</li> <li>• If we try to restore a fallen brother or sister while we have similar issues, we might be trying to remove a splinter while we have a beam in our own eye.. <a href="#">Mat 7:3</a></li> <li>• We do not want to be the blind leading the blind – so how do we examine yourself first? ..... <a href="#">Mat 15:14</a></li> </ul>
6:2	<p><b>Bear (or Carry) One Another's Burdens/Weights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does this mean we should pay off someone's debt? Or pay on their mortgage? Fix their car? Lodge them?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No   <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know   <input type="checkbox"/> Depends</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We are to “Fulfill the Law of Christ” – This command to help one another is the heart of God's message to us throughout the Bible – “love they neighbor”                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ BUT, is our help conditional or unconditional?</li> <li>♦ <b>Consider this.</b> Prodigal Son came to his senses when he realized no one gave him anything .... <a href="#">Lk 15</a></li> <li>♦ <b>Another Consideration.</b> Even Paul said, “If one doesn't work, he doesn't eat” ..... <a href="#">2Thes 3:10</a></li> <li>♦ <b>Therefore,</b> our help is conditional on one's behavior, else we are just enabling them to continue in sin</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6:3	<p><b>How Do We Deceive Ourselves?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Anyone” refers to the one having a burden. So, if “anyone” thinks he/she does not need help when they are hurting – they are deceiving or lying to themselves</li> <li>• Sometimes we need to drop our pride and allow others to help us when we find ourselves overwhelmed</li> </ul>
6:4	<p><b>Self-examination is strongly encouraged</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improper boasting is when we do it to glorify ourselves</li> <li>• Proper boasting is where we allow our light, our good works, our gentleness to shine ..... <a href="#">Mat 5:16; Phil 4:5</a></li> </ul>
6:5	<p><b>Each will bear their own load/responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have responsibilities we should not shirk from                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If we are married, we are responsible to take care of our spouse, children, and household</li> <li>♦ If we are in debt over our head, we need to own it</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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6:6-9	<p><b>Support Those Who Teach Us God's Word</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the early church there might have been only one pastor/elder to support. Now many churches have multiple elders, ministers, church facilities, administrative assistants, janitorial support, and utility bills to pay – but the command is the same – Support them!</li> <li>• vv7-9. God motivates us to be generous through the timeless principle of reaping what we sow, though, we might not reap immediately after sowing</li> </ul>
6:10-15	<p><b>What Really Matters in Life?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v10. <b>Principle to Live By:</b> Give special attention to those w/in the church above those outside the church                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Why is this important? <input type="checkbox"/> Because God said so?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v14. Boast in the cross before anything else</li> <li>• v15. What matters in life is being a New Creation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What matters in life is keeping God's [moral] commandments..... <a href="#">1Cor 7:19</a></li> <li>♦ What matters is faith working through love .... <a href="#">Gal 5:6</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6:16-18	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v17 – Paul basically sums up his credentials to solve this issue of legalism by highlighting his scars. In other words – “I've got the T-shirt, so I know what I am talking about. Throw legalistic circumcision away.”</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- Always do a self-examination before trying to remove a splinter from someone's life. Here are some simple questions to ask one's self:
  1. Do I have any sin or weakness in my life that would hinder me helping someone?
  2. Do I exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in my life?
  3. Am I willing to devote the time, energy, and resources needed to help someone?
  4. Am I devoted to prayer about this?
  5. Am I living, walking, and being led by the Spirit?

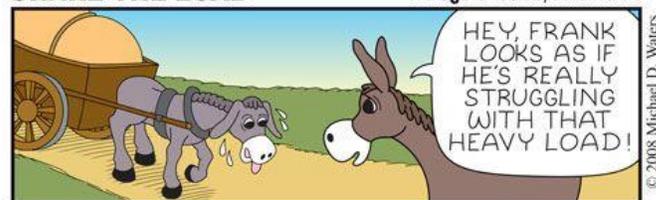
**SUPPORTING PASSAGES**

- [Mat 5:16](#) ...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven
- [Mat 7:3](#) Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?
- [Mat 15:14](#) “...and if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”
- [Phil 4:5](#) Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**NEXT WEEK: James 1.** We move to the book of James which takes a different and complementary view of Christian works.

**SHARE THE LOAD**

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Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. – GALATIANS 6:2 KJV