

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>How Do We Get Caught in Any Sin/Trespass/Fault?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Caught” could mean detected, overtaken, or surprised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Examples: Bad attitude, bad language, bad behavior, or any of the previous sexual, religious, or social sins listed in Gal 5:19-21 • “You who are spiritual” – In other words, those who exhibit the fruit of the Spirit listed in Gal 5:22-23 • So, how do we help someone who cheated on their spouse? Or can't stop going into debt? Others??? • 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.. Mat 7:3 • We do not want to be the blind leading the blind – so how do we examine yourself first? Mat 15:14
6:2	<p>Bear (or Carry) One Another's Burdens/Weights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Depends • 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"> ♦ BUT, is our help conditional or unconditional? ♦ Consider this. Prodigal Son came to his senses when he realized no one gave him anything Lk 15 ♦ Another Consideration. Even Paul said, “If one doesn't work, he doesn't eat” 2Thes 3:10 ♦ Therefore, our help is conditional on one's behavior, else we are just enabling them to continue in sin
6:3	<p>How Do We Deceive Ourselves?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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 • Sometimes we need to drop our pride and allow others to help us when we find ourselves overwhelmed
6:4	<p>Self-examination is strongly encouraged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improper boasting is when we do it to glorify ourselves • Proper boasting is where we allow our light, our good works, our gentleness to shine Mat 5:16; Phil 4:5
6:5	<p>Each will bear their own load/responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have responsibilities we should not shirk from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ If we are married, we are responsible to take care of our spouse, children, and household ♦ If we are in debt over our head, we need to own it

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6:6-9	<p>Support Those Who Teach Us God's Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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! • 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
6:10-15	<p>What Really Matters in Life?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v10. Principle to Live By: Give special attention to those w/in the church above those outside the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Why is this important? <input type="checkbox"/> Because God said so? • v14. Boast in the cross before anything else • v15. What matters in life is being a New Creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What matters in life is keeping God's [moral] commandments..... 1Cor 7:19 ♦ What matters is faith working through love Gal 5:6
6:16-18	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.”

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?

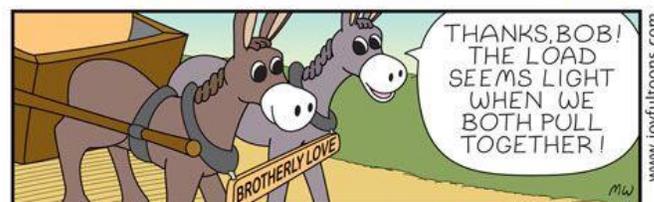
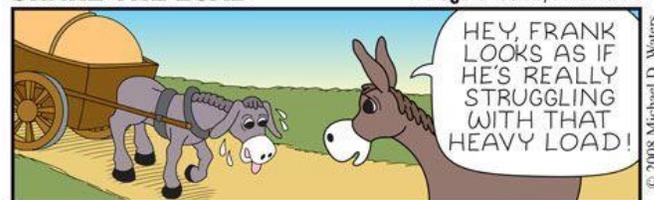
SUPPORTING PASSAGES

- [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.

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