

Walking in the Spirit Until the End

Galatians 6

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. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load. 6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. 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. 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. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. 17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

I. Walk in Love by Bearing One Another's Burdens (Galatians 6:1–5)

Paul begins by emphasizing the responsibility believers have toward one another.

A. Restore the Fallen with Gentleness (vv. 1-2)

"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness..."

- Matthew 18:15 – Jesus teaches believers to lovingly confront a brother who sins.
- James 5:19-20 – Bringing back a wandering believer saves a soul from death and covers a multitude of sins.

B. Balance Personal Responsibility with Mutual Care (vv. 3-5)

- Romans 15:1 – The strong ought to bear with the weaknesses of the weak.
- Philippians 2:3-4 – Look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others.

II. Walk in Wisdom by Sowing to the Spirit (Galatians 6:6–10)

A. God Cannot Be Mocked (vv. 6-8)

- Hosea 10:12 – "Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy."
- 2 Corinthians 9:6 – He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

B. Persevere in Doing Good (vv. 9-10)

- Isaiah 40:31 – Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
- Hebrews 10:24-25 – Encourage one another to love and good works.

III. Walk in Humility by Boasting Only in the Cross (Galatians 6:11–18)

A. Reject Religious Pride (vv. 11-15)

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 – Salvation is by grace through faith, not works.

B. Glory in Christ Alone (vv. 14-18)

- Philippians 3:7-9 – Paul counted everything loss for Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 1:18 – The message of the cross is the power of God.

Reflective Questions

1. Is there someone in my life whom God is calling me to gently restore or encourage rather than criticize?
2. What seeds am I sowing each day through my thoughts, words, habits, and priorities—and what harvest are they likely to produce?
3. If someone examined my life, would they see that my greatest confidence and identity are found in the cross of Jesus Christ rather than in my own accomplishments?