

Spiritual Ministry
Galatians 6:1-18

I. Compassionate Caring – 6:1-2

What does loving one another mean?

1. Seeking to restore the fallen – 1
Spiritual one cares about a fallen brother
How did Jesus minister to the fallen?
The goal is restoration not amputation
Be compassionate, seeing our vulnerability
What spiritual fruit is needed for this?
2. Sharing with the burdened – 2
Helping those who are burdened
“burden” means a “crushing, heavy load”
What is the “Law of Christ”? – John 13:34-35

II. Proper Perspective – 6:3-6

1. Don't be deceived about yourself - 3
Thinking too highly of self
Thinking you are superior to others
2. Evaluate by God's standard - 4
Not in comparison with others
Any praise should be based on truth
3. Shoulder your own responsibility – 5
Word “burden” is different from word in v. 2
Word used of pack a soldier carried
We each have our own back-pack to carry
Accept responsibility for our own actions
5. Support those who minister to you – 6
Biblical principle explained in 1 Cor. 9:7-11

III. Consistent Living – 6:7-10

Challenge: faithfully keep doing good

1. Important how you sow - 7-8
God established law of sowing & reaping
Sow to the flesh & that's what you reap
Sow in the Spirit & reap good fruits
2. Reaping comes if we faint not – 9-10
Harvest comes if we are faithful
Use every opportunity to do good
Caring for believers is a priority
They are family, brothers & sisters

IV. Closing Counsel – 6:11-18

1. Paul's genuine concern for them – 11
He wrote this letter himself – 2 Thess. 3:17
Used large letters - indicating distress
2. Warning against legalists – 12-13
They are concerned about promoting self
They fear persecution for Cross of Christ
They are interested in counting converts
3. Paul's firm commitment – 14, 15
Issue is the cross of Christ not circumcision
Issue is new birth not some external ritual
4. Paul's final counsel – 16-17
Walk in God's Way - 16

Walking in God's way brings peace and mercy
Don't be ashamed to identify with Christ – 17
Paul counts it an honor to suffer for Christ
Marks of Christ better than mark of circumcision
He bore marks of crucifixion in His body for us
Are we willing to bear marks of commitment to Him?
It is an honor if we are called upon to suffer for Him

6. Paul's closing greeting – 18
Focused on grace
We are saved by grace & are sustained by grace