

Galatians (Part 28)

[A Life of Love (Part 4) – Bearing the Burdens of Others (Part 3) (Galatians 6:2-5)]

- I. Paul's Apostolic Authority: The Divine Origin of Paul's Gospel Defended (chs. 1, 2)
 - II. The Gospel: The Certain Truth of Paul's Gospel Demonstrated (chs. 3, 4)
 - III. The Christian Life: The Practical Results of Paul's Gospel Described (chs. 5, 6)
 - A. A Life of Freedom (5:1-15)
 - B. A Life Controlled by the Holy Spirit (5:16-26)
 - C. A Life of Love (6:1-10)
 1. Restoring Others Who Sin (v. 1)
 2. Bearing One Another's Burdens (vs. 2-5)
 - a. An Injunction Stated (v. 2a)
 - Those who walk by the Spirit (5:25) are willing to help others carry their burdens.
 - b. An Incentive Presented (v. 2b)
 - Those who bear the burdens of others fulfill the law of Christ (= the Moral Law of God. See Romans 8:4)
 - c. Some Considerations Added (vs. 3-5)
 - Bearing the burdens of others is precluded by pride and conceit (v. 3).
- Bearing the burdens of others requires knowing one's own obligations (vs. 4, 5).

Practical Lessons

- 1) The spiritual condition of others is a burden that all Christians are obligated to bear to some degree.
- 2) Self-examination that results in joy and confidence is possible for believers.
- 3) God in Christ has had the most humble regard for His people.