

The Burden of Brotherly Love

Galatians 6:1-5

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The _____ of a brother from sin is a responsibility set aside specifically for those believers in Galatia who Paul describes as *spiritual*.

A 'spiritual person' is one who is devoted in all areas of their life to yielding to the leadership of the sanctifying Spirit that God has placed in their heart, to help, to guide, to exhort, to convict, to encourage.

How is this exhortation to restore a brother who has sinned proof that the law is still important to a believer who is in the covenant of grace?

In what ways do Christians who are caught up in sin *need* to be restored? Aren't they already forgiven and justified?

Here in Galatians 6, Paul tells these spiritual believers to go about that restoration in a very specific way. The kind of restoration that pleases God, and the kind of restoration that effectively WORKS, is _____ restoration.

Right restoration comes with authentic *repentance*.
It is more than a change in *behavior*, it is a change in _____, by which the fallen brother or sister develops a sincere hatred for their own sin and a commitment to walking in a way that matches the will of the Savior.

NOTE: A *spiritual* person is not an _____ person! So keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. (see also 1 Corinthians 10:12)

If we are to be gentle in addressing our brother's sin, we have to be diligent to subject ourselves to the same standards first!

Galatians 6:4-5 – ⁴ *But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.* ⁵ *For each will have to bear his own load.*

Verse 2 tells us to bear _____ burdens.

Verse 5 tells us that each one will have to bear his _____ load.

What is the difference between the two?

Active Communion:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 – ¹⁶ *The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?* ¹⁷ *Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.*

We learn at least two things about communion here:

1. When we take of these elements, we _____ in the work that they symbolize. (see also Romans 8:16-17)

2. The sacrifice that is memorialized in the bread and the juice is a _____ sacrifice – The Lord's Supper brings us into closer oneness with the Lord who saved us and into closer communion with one another as we all share in the same Savior.