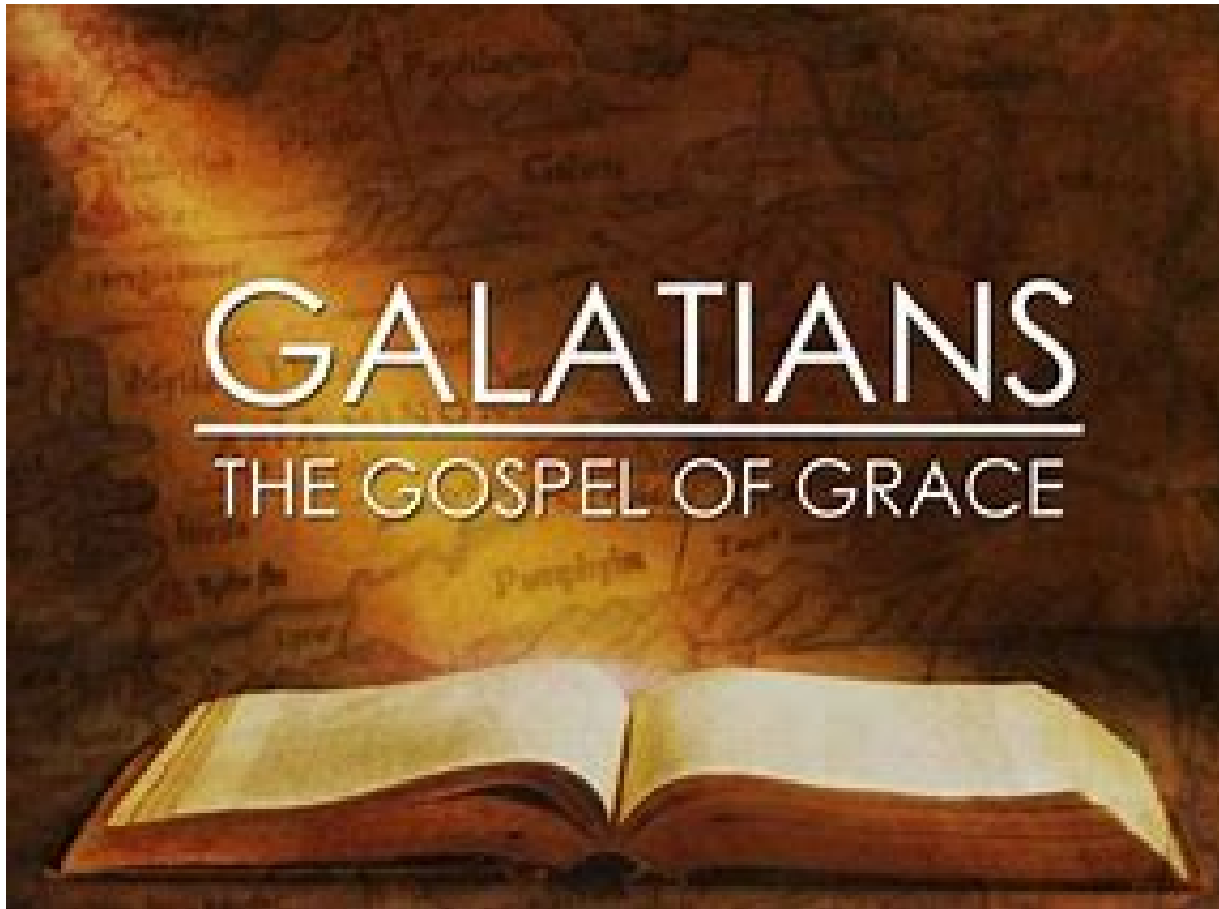


Gal 6:1-5 Restoration



The close of the last chapter had shown us

- the works of the flesh on the one hand, and
- the fruits of the Spirit on the other

The act is but the outward expression of the inner principle of life.

- The life can only be absolutely known to God:
- The walk is that which is manifested before men.

We have fresh ground unearthed at the beginning of chapter 6

Galatians 6:1-5 (NASB)

*¹ Brethren, even if anyone is **caught(overtaken)** in any **trespass**, **you who are spiritual**, **restore** such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one **looking** to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*

² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

⁴ But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

⁵ For each one will bear his own load.

¹ *Brethren, even if anyone is caught(overtaken) in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*

- **We believers are brethren and constitute the only true brotherhood.**
- **There are "brethren" in families, fraternities, the military and secret societies, but the word never reaches its fullest meaning until it is used in its relation to true Christian brotherhood.**
- **Beloved, we are brethren, and as such we have a mutual relationship of life in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

These Galatians who were adopting the legal method in conformity to the teaching of the Judaizers

That is exactly the predicament which many Believers are in today,

Why?

Reason 1: they do not have an intelligent understanding of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the needful and correct adjustment of the Christian to the Holy Spirit, and

Reason 2: They are consequently depending upon self-effort to obey the principles of the Pauline epistles, or the legal enactments of the Mosaic law.

¹ *Brethren, even if anyone is **caught (overtaken)** in any
“overtaken:”*

The word is *prolambano*. It has the following meanings:

"to anticipate, to forecast, to overtake, to come upon, to take unawares."

Is this the act of?

- A Christian detecting a fellow-Christian in the commission of a sin, thus catching him unawares in it, and establishing by that means the fact of the sin.

OR

- does it refer to the Christian himself being overtaken by the sin before he is aware that he has done wrong.

"surprised by the fault itself." "His surprise in the very act."

*Brethren, even if anyone is **caught(overtaken)** in any
trespass, or fault*

The word **fault** is from **paraptoma**.

It means "a fall beside, a false step, a blunder, a failure to
achieve."

It is in contrast to *walk* in, *Galatians 5:25 (NASB)*
"25 *If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.*" which
latter word (**stoicheo**) means "**to walk in a straight line.**"

The word means "a slip or lapse," rather than "a willful sin."

Brethren, even if anyone is caught (overtaken) in any trespass, you who are spiritual,

Who are the spiritual among the Galatians?

Of course, he has the infirmities of other men, and may at times manifest (the sin) nature;

But in an obvious way, taken as a whole, through the grace of God, he has learned to judge, not to indulge self, and to detect, especially in himself, departure from the Lord, and to own it frankly and humbly before the Father.

In consequence of this steadfast self-judgment, there will be far greater tenderness in dealing with sin in others.

¹ Brethren, even if anyone is *caught*(*overtaken*) in any *trespass*, *you who are spiritual*, ***restore***

The word *restore* is from *katartizo*.

- "to repair, to restore to a former good condition, to prepare, to fit out, to equip."
- It is used of **reconciling factions**,
 - of setting bones,
 - of putting a dislocated limb into place,
 - of mending nets, of manning a fleet, of supplying an army with **provisions**.
- In the original the word "**restore**" means "*to set in joint, as a dislocated bone.*"
- It is a surgical term and it suggests the work which must be done when a bone is fractured or a joint is dislocated.
- It is used by Paul usually in a **figurative sense** of
 - setting a person to rights,
 - of bringing him into line.

¹ *Brethren, even if anyone is **caught**(**overtaken**) in any **trespass**, **you who are spiritual**, **restore** such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one **looking** (**considering**) to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*

- The Spirit-filled saint is exhorted to perform this ministry in a spirit of meekness, **considering** himself for fear that he also be tempted.

The word **consider** is from **skopeo**, which means

- **"to look attentively at,**
- **to fix the attention upon a thing with an interest in it,**
- **to have an eye for a thing with a view to forming a right judgment of it, to give heed to."**

We are exhorted to deal gently, meekly and delicately with the erring brother

- The motivating principle of the old life is the law;
- the motivating principle of the new life is "the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus."
- The one produces "the works of the flesh"; the other,
- "the fruit of the Spirit."

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"The believer has an all-engaging responsibility of continuing in an attitude of reliance ('by means of the Spirit be walking') upon the Holy Spirit.

This is the believer's divinely appointed task and place of cooperation in the mighty undertakings of God. Thus, and only thus, can the Holy Spirit possess and vitalize every human faculty, emotion, and choice." -L.S.C.