

“Fulfill The Law Of Christ”
Galatians 6:1-18
9/3/23
Message 10

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Fulfill The Law Of Christ”

- **Review**

- **1st The Letter was sent to**
 - The area known as Galatia
- **2nd Purpose for The letter**
 - **1st To Confront the Evil LIES of the Judaizers (Legalist)**
 - Their LIE - Salvation PLUS the Law (Circumcision)
 - **2nd To Stand UP for the TRUTH**
 - The Truth Salvation By Faith & Grace Alone
 - **3rd Paul's Defense**
 - Judaizers - UNDERMINED Paul's Authority
 - Judaizers - UNDERMINED Paul's Teaching
 - **4th Paul has been talking about 2 PATHS**
 - The LAW
 - Self-Righteousness
 - Makes the Cross of NO Effect!
 - Tramples on GRACE

- Leads to death
- The GRACE of God received by FAITH
 - Leads to LIFE in Christ
 - Brings VICTORY
- **Galatians 5 – “Walk In The Spirit”**
 - **Paul Hammers Home the KEY to the VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE**
 - What Is The Secret To...
 - Living a godly life!
 - Having victory over my flesh nature!
 - How do I stay close to the Lord!
 - How do I stay usable for Him!
 - **The Answer is NOT IN...**
 - Man made Attempts to clean ourselves up
 - Human Philosophies that may look like we are getting better on the outside BUT the core (inside) is still a mess
 - The answer is NEVER FOUND in US
 - **The Answer is IN CHRIST**
 - 1st Salvation
 - You don't need to clean yourself up –
 - COME AS YOU ARE

- 2nd Lordship
 - Is He Lord of your LIFE?! –
 - I have been crucified with Christ
- 3rd Walk IN THE SPIRIT –
 - Led by the Spirit
 - LIVE The Spirit-Filled Life
 - You See
 - When you WALK in the Spirit you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh
 - Walking in the Spirit is done by SUBMITTING to God
 - Die to Self

• **Now This Morning We will finish the Book of Galatians**

- **Paul starts chapter 6**
 - How we are to handle someone who has Fallen into sin
 - How we're to display the Fruit of the Spirit in dealing our brothers and sisters who have sinned
 - AKA - How were to FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST
- **"Fulfill The Law Of Christ"**
 - It is SEEN in 3 Powerful Truths
 - Sharing Of **Burdens** vs. 1-6
 - Seed - **BEARING** vs. 7-10
 - **Boasting** ONLY in the Cross Of Christ vs. 11-18

Sharing Of Burdens vs. 1-6

- **First: Bearing with a Brother or Sister in Sin v. 1**

- **1st If a man is Overtaken in any Trespass v. 1a**

Galatians 6:1 (NKJV)

1 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.

- **OVERTAKEN – Greek: Prolambánō**

- Means: Be overtaken / Be apprehended, taken by surprise, caught red-handed.

- **TRESPASS / FAULT – Greek: Paraptoma**

- Means: To fall beside or near something; a lapse or deviation from truth and uprightness

- **Paul Address the fact that Christians STRUGGLE**

- The Spirit is Willing BUT the Flesh is Weak
 - Christians in Galatia who had been overtaken in a trespass!
 - NOTE - Paul didn't Exclude the Overtaken one from the Brethren
 - They are Believers – who have fallen
- How to deal with this
 - We must always maintain God's standard in regards to the evil of SIN
 - It must never be downplayed
 - 2 types

- Believer in sin not REPENTANT
- Believer in Sin Repented
- They need to help to Cast off SIN
 - We need to encourage repentance and help them
- NOT Encouragement to stay in SIN
 - Which seems popular now
- **2nd You Who are Spiritual Restore such a one v. 1b**

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1 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.

- **You Who Are Spiritual**
 - AKA = Filled with the Spirit
 - The Mature Christian...
 - Who is led and taught by the Spirit
 - Have learned to Walk by and Be Filled with the Spirit.
 - *Someone Well said; “Spirituality is not measured by how well we expose an offender but by how effectively we restore an offender.”*
- **Restore Such a One**
 - Restore – Greek: Katartizo

- Means: Used of setting broken bones and mending fishing nets
- To render, to fit, sound, complete; to mend (what has been broken or rent), to repair; ethically: to strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be
- In contrast:
 - Under legalism, this would be rewritten:
 - *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, nail him to the wall, bring him up before the court, and sentence him to severe punishment!*
 - Its been said the Christian Army is the ONLY army that shoots it's wounded
- The GOAL Restoration – God's Heart
 - It seems the church takes 2 approaches
 - Ignore SIN – Cover up SIN
 - Shoot the Wounded
 - The Godly Way
 - The overtaken ones need to be restored
 - They are not to be ignored
 - They are not to be excused.
 - They are not to be destroyed.
 - The goal is always restoration.
- Question:

- What is our response to a Believer Overtaken into SIN?
 - 1st Condoning?
 - What is the big deal we all sin
 - God Will forgive...
 - 2nd Condemnation?
 - What “TYPE” of person could ever do that...
 - I would NEVER...
 - 3rd Christ’s Compassion?
 - Remember –
 - We ALL struggle with the flesh (Sin Nature)
 - Not Repentance
 - Extent Grace
 - But be firm in the TRUTH of God’s Word
 - If Repentance
 - Let me come along side and Help you –
 - Pray for you – Exhort you – Love you away from that sin
- Lesson: Pastor Chuck
 - *If we are going to err, let us err on the side of Grace*

- Many times I heard this – and watch from a distant – pastors he helped
- **3rd How?! - Restore such a one in a spirit of Gentleness v. 1c**

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- **Spirit of Gentleness / Meekness**

- 2 Ideas about this word

- 1st Strength under control

- We think of "meekness" as "wimpiness".

- Wrong.

- It's the idea of a powerful wild horse that has been broken and tamed, and now the animals brute force can be channeled correctly.

- Meekness is having the strength to respond,

- But choosing to hold back your hand.

- Illustrated

- When we are faced with a person who has fallen into sin
- We can get overcome with anger, and want to say foolish things like:
- "You deserved it!", or, "what a stupid thing to do!".

- But meekness requires that we hold back those kinds of comments if they're not appropriate at that time.
- 2nd Teachableness
 - What can I learn from this?
 - “Considering yourself lest you also be tempted”
 - There by the GRACE of God – Go I

• **Second: Bearing each other's Burdens vs. 2-5**

- **1st Bear one another's burdens v. 2a**

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV)

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

▪ **Bear Burden vs. Bear Load**

- Burden = A crushing weight or load in life **v. 2**
 - So heavy we need others to help us
- Load = Referred to the pack of a soldier **v. 5**

▪ **BUT Please NOTE**

- This is a command to obey
- For EVERY Believer NOT just Leaders and Pastors
- If you see a brother or a sister with a burden, and help them with it.
- It isn't complicated, and it doesn't take a huge program or infrastructure to do it.

- Just look for a burden to bear and bear it.

▪ **The Phrase – “One Another”**

- We see this all over the Bible
 - “Love one another” (Listed many Times)
 - “Pray one for another” (James 5:16)
 - “Edify one another” (1 Thes. 5:11)
 - “Prefer one another (Rom. 12:10)
 - “Hospitality one to another” (1 Peter 4:9)
 - “Bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2)
- Illustration
 - We are a forever family
 - Every Christian – Is special to me – some more than others of course – deeper connection with those that I have served with

- **2nd And so fulfill the law of Christ v. 2b**

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV)

2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

▪ **In Doing So you**

- Fulfill the LAW OF CHRIST
- You can Almost hear PAUL say...
 - If you are so eager to fulfill A Law
 - How about fulfill the law of Christ

- **What is the LAW of Christ**

- Different Ideas
- But I believe this is what it means

John 13:34 (NKJV)

34 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

- And this LOVE for others – **BEARS Each Others Burden**
- **3rd If anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing... v. 3**

Galatians 6:3 (NKJV)

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

- **The ISSUE of Pride**

- Pride - Prevents us from bearing one another's burdens and fulfilling the law of Christ.
 - Pride is the greatest of ALL SINS
 - Satan fall was PRIDE
- What is PRIDE
 - Pride believes it is better than someone else
 - Pride is also Self-Focus
 - Pride doesn't always say,
 - "I'm better than you are."
 - "I deserve more of my own attention and love than you do."

- When all we think about is Ourselves (Pride)

- We miss the mark
- We Miss the point
- We deceive ourselves

- **Christ Gave us an Example**

Philippians 2:1–11 (NKJV)

- 1** *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,*
- 2** *fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*
- 3** *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*
- 4** *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*
- 5** *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*
- 6** *who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*
- 7** *but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*
- 8** *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*
- 9** *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*
- 10** *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*
- 11** *and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- **4th But let each one Examine his own work vs. 4-5**

- **1st We must examination of our works before God v. 4**

Galatians 6:4 (NKJV)

- 4** *But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.*

- What Paul is saying is
 - Sometimes we tend to compare ourselves to each other.
 - I might look at Fred Flintstone and say to myself, "Well at least I'm not doing as bad a job as HE is!"
- The Answer
 - Don't compare yourself with others
 - Compare what we do o what God has asked me to do
 - then I can rejoice over what I've done.
 - My rejoicing isn't because I did a better job than somebody else
 - But that I did what God asked me to do.
- **2nd For each one shall bear his own load v. 5**

Galatians 6:5 (NKJV)

5 For each one shall bear his own load.

- In Galatians 6:2
 - Paul spoke of our need to care for others in the body of Christ.
- In Galatians 6:5
 - Paul spoke of our final accountability before God.
 - The word for load in Galatians 6:5 was a common term for a man's backpack.

- We all have a backpack to carry – a job to do – how did you do?

Seed - BEARING vs. 7-10

• First: Appreciate Those that are Sowing into your life v. 6

Galatians 6:6 (NKJV)

6 *Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.*

- **1st AKA = Take Care of those who Teach you**
 - Paul instructs those who are taught
 - To support (share in all good things) those Who Teach Them.
- **2nd HOW**
 - **1st PRAY**
 - **2nd When you're blessed with someone's teaching, share it with them!**
 - Not just a good message pastor BUT how that message impacted your life
 - **3rd Financial support for teachers – In Context with the passage**
 - The Bible is very clear that there are those called to be pastors
 - They are to be supported by the church
 - (1 Corinthians 9:11 / 1 Corinthians 9:14 / 1 Timothy 5:17)
 - **4th Understand the Struggles Pastors go through**
 - **Front Lines in the Spiritual Battle**

- The attacks are brutal –
- If satan can get a pastor to fall – then it will be easier to get other to follow

- **Pastors Have to Lead the church**

- Pastors will be held accountable for what takes place in the ministry God called them to oversee
- Some may not like the decisions they have to make
- Grace is always a good idea
- Remember - Pastors will be held accountable by GOD
 - A Higher accountability than others
 - They will be held accountable for what happens in the church they pastor
 - If there is a concern on the congregation part – it must be dealt with Biblically
 - Gossip and backbiting only cause harm to the Body of Christ and to its witness in the world

- **Preaching His Word is a HIGH CALLING**

- 1st The MOST Important thing ANYONE can do is PREACH God's Word
- 2nd A Pastor First Priority is NOT
 - Administration
 - Covering everyone else's ministries
 - Making sure there is entrainment

- Building a BIG church with lots of ministries and activities
- Sadly
 - Many churches have adopted the idea that we pay the pastor and his wife to do everything
 - This ideal is not only wrong in the Human Realm
 - Leads to burnout
 - BUT completely UNBIBLICAL
 - Takes the focus off of God's Word and leads to improper feeding of God's sheep
- 3rd The first and most important calling of a pastor
 - Is to preach the Word of God
 - Which Requires
 - Prayer
 - Prep
 - Preaching
 - Pastor Lance Ralston Calvary Chapel Oxnard
 - *Preparing sermons & studies isn't easy or quick. It takes time & serious effort to put a study or sermon together. I trust, you come here on Wednesday night hungry, spiritually needy & ready to belly up to a table with a good meal,*

spread. So I don't want to throw down a cold hot-dog in a dried out bun before you. Or some microwaved DiGornio pizza – downloading someone else's study & reheating it with a couple new stories. Sure I'm inspired & blessed by other teachers, books, commentaries. I read & study what they have to say. But more than anything, I want the text to be the thing. I want you to know the Bible – not what I or anyone else says about it. So first the text has to work on me; rearranging & editing me. I wrestle with it, puzzling over the hard passages. What does it mean, & how do I communicate that with you? What's God saying here? Paul calls the Galatians to support their teachers who are faithful in the Word. And not just in financial support. But in encouraging them with updates & reports on how God is using their teaching.

- **Second: What You Sow – Your Will Reap vs. 7-10**

- **1st Do not be deceived; God is not mocked... v. 7**

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

- **In Context**

- Guzik; “For those who are hesitant to share in all good things with those who teach them, Paul reminded them of God’s principle of sowing and reaping. Their giving (to share in all good things with him who teaches) isn’t like throwing away money; it is like planting seeds, and whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. To regard sharing in all good things with him who teaches as a

waste is to mock God. It is selfishness that mocks God's generosity towards those who give to Him."

▪ **But there is also a General Principle**

- This a universal principle that God has established
 - In the natural world men never question the law of sowing and reaping.
 - You plant a tomato plant
 - You get preaches?!
 - No, you get tomato's
 - Sowing and Reaping
 - Is as impartial, predictable, and immutable as the law of gravity.
 - There are no exceptions, and the person who plants the seed makes no difference at all in the law's operation.
 - Whatever he sows, this he will also reap.
- This principle is just as true in the morally & spiritually
 - But the problem is that man's sin and self-deception often prevent them from seeing or acknowledging it

Job 4:8 (NKJV)

8 *Even as I have seen, Those who plow iniquity And sow trouble reap the same.*

Proverbs 1:31–33 (NKJV)

31 *Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.*

32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;
33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

Hosea 8:7 (NKJV)

7 "They sow the wind, And reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; It shall never produce meal. If it should produce, Aliens would swallow it up.

- But in contrast Hosea also writes

Hosea 10:12 (NKJV)

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

- **2nd For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption... v. 8**

Galatians 6:8 (NKJV)

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.

- **Sows to his flesh**

- It's the idea of feeding that sin nature of ours.
 - Immorality, Impurity, Sensuality -
 - The kinds of input we feed our mind, television, music, magazines, even the kinds of billboards we allow ourselves to stare at a little longer than we need to.
 - Idolatry -
 - Allowing other things to take the first place in our heart.
 - Sorcery -

- Pharmakeia, drugs.
 - Maybe even the kinds of people we hang out with and the way that we allow them to influence us.
- Envy -
 - Wanting what someone else has.
- **REAP Corruption**
 - Greek: Phthora
 - Meaning: Corruption, destruction, perishing; in the Christian sense, eternal misery in hell
 - AKA = It Ends BAD
- **But he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life**
 - It's not just denying the flesh that leads to victory
 - BUT it's feeding the Spirit.
 - What you put in is what you'll get out.
 - How to Sow to the Spirit
 - 1st Abide in Christ (John 15)
 - Submission
 - In The Word
 - The Word and Prayer
 - Fellowship
 - Serving

- 2nd Sow a LOT!

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV)

6 *But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

- Everything you do for Jesus in this world will pay off in the next

- **3rd Let us not grow weary while doing good... vs. 9-10**

Galatians 6:9–10 (NKJV)

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.*

▪ Let Us Not grow Weary

- Doing Good / Ministry for Jesus

- These are NOT EASY
- They come with struggles
- It is easy to become tired of sowing and be anxious for the harvest.
- Lose heart and grow weary carry the ideas of becoming exhausted and giving up.
- Illustration

- Experience

- The romance that we think about in the ministry
- The REALITY – IT the hardest thing a person can do

- We Must keep the right Focus

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Hebrews 12:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

- As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith:

- Not losing heart, we seek to do good with our resources, and to do good to all –
- But especially to those who are of God's family.

Boasting ONLY In The Cross Of Christ vs. 11-18

- **First: Paul Writes with his own Hands v. 11**

Galatians 6:11 (NKJV)

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

- **1st I have written to you with my own hand**

- Typical in the ancient world and for Paul
 - Was to dictate his letters to a secretary.
- See with what large letters I have written:

- Paul points out that he wrote his postscript with large letters.
- Many speculate this was because he had poor eyesight and could not read or write small print.
- But it is more likely that he made the letters large simply for emphasis.
- Is this an ALL CAP – EMAIL?!

• **Second: Paul Gives One LAST Warning About the Judaizes vs. 12-13**

- **1st As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh v. 12**

Galatians 6:12 (NKJV)

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.

▪ **It ALL About Numbers**

- The Judaizers wanted to make a good showing in the flesh by building up a large group of followers.

▪ **It's Easier to promote works than CHANGE**

- By promoting circumcision, they are saying all you need to do is this work
- Don't worry about the SIN issues in your lives... just do this work and feel better
- *MacDonald, "People are often quite willing to observe rites and ceremonies as long as they are not required to change their habits. It is common today to build up a large church membership by lowering the standards."*

▪ **Their REAL Motive**

- Only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ:
- Their other motive was to avoid persecution for the cross of Christ.

○ **2nd For Not Even Those v. 13**

Galatians 6:13 (NKJV)

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.*

- The legalists were not really interested in keeping the law.
- What they wanted was an easy way to obtain converts, so that they could boast of a long list of followers.

• **Third: Paul writes about his motives vs. 14-15**

○ **1st But God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ v. 14a**

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)

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.*

- Paul's heart
 - He cared nothing for the glory that came from fame.
 - He cared nothing for the glory that came from riches.
 - He cared nothing for the glory that came from status and power among men.
 - He ONLY cared about the glory of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

- This had BETTER be every pastor's heart! Or they and the church they pastor is in big trouble
- 2nd By whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world v. 14b

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)

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.

- We are dead to the world and the world considers us dead them!

- 3rd For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation v. 15

Galatians 6:15 (NKJV)

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

- We don't make ourselves a new creation; God does it in us.

• **Fourth: Paul's Conclusion vs. 16-18**

- 1st A blessing on those who walk in God's truth v. 16

Galatians 6:16 (NKJV)

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

- And as many as walk according to this rule:
 - There is a rule for the Christian life, revealed by God's Word.
 - We just don't make it up as we go along.
 - We are to measure ourselves according to this rule.
- Peace and mercy be upon them:

- When we do we will have peace
- **2nd Last words to them vs 17-18**

Galatians 6:17–18 (NKJV)

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 bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus:**

- Paul wrote as someone who had suffered for Jesus, and who bore those marks on his body. (2 Cor. 11)

▪ **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit:**

- IT'S ALL ABOUT GRACE

Closing

- May we ALL grown in Fulfilling The LAW of CHRIST

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

24 *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*

25 *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*