

Fulfilling The Law Of Christ

Galatians 6:1-3

Intro:

- A. The Scriptures liken the church to many things.
1. As a body for illustrating the use of the spirituals, the gift of the spirituals. I Cor 12:27. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."
 2. The flock of God. Acts 20:28, I Peter 5:2.
 3. An habitation of God. Eph 2:22.
 4. God's cultivated field. I Cor 3:9
 5. God's building. I Cor 3:9 (here the use is to emphasize the various building materials)
- B. Vs. 10 Here the illustration is, "household".
1. Paul uses it in Eph 2:19.
 2. He uses it here in context. Vs. 10
 3. "Household" = οικειος = "one's own household", "one's own family", "members of a household".
 4. It is also, the assembly, the church.

I. Watch Over One Another.

- A. Vs. 1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault..."
1. "Overtaken" = προλαμβανω = "to take before", "to have been before taken", or "unexpectedly caught before he is aware and cannot escape". "to overtake by surprise".
 2. "Fault" = παραπτωμα = "a misfall", "a falling aside", as to duty", "a missing of the right rather than a transgression of the law

This particular word is used only two time in the New Testament. In Mark 14:8, Jesus says that His being anointed was in anticipation of His burial. In First Corinthians 11:20-21, Paul says that their assembling is not to eat the Lord's supper, for each one considers beforehand and anticipates eating his own (το ιδιον) supper. In the light of these passages we prefer to interpret Paul as speaking about a man who is on the brink of committing a trespass or one who is anticipating involvement in a trespass. (A Verse by Verse of Galatians by E.R. Campbell, p. 163)

- B. "...ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the

spirit of meekness..."

1. "Spiritual" = πνευματικως = "Spiritually", "in accordance with or through the Spirit". These are church members who are spiritually mature, lead by the Spirit, taught by the Spirit, and full of the Spirit.
 2. "Restore" = καταρτιζω = "put in full order", esp. of what is broken, to reset, used in medicine.
 3. "Meekness" = πραοτης = "enduring all things with an even temper, tender, free from haughty self-sufficiency."
- C. **"...considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."**
1. "Considering" = σκοπεω = "to look at", "to observe", "to be very sharply attentive".
 2. "Tempted" = πειραζω = "to put to the test".
 3. Each spiritual person should know the weakness of the flesh, the power of temptation, the suddenness of trials. The comforters of Job were not "spiritual", they were "soulish".

II. Help One Another.

- A. **Vs. 2 "Bear ye one another's burdens..."**
1. "Bear" = βασταζω = "to lift", "to lift up", "to carry off, esp. of heavy load".
 2. "Burdens" = βαρος = weight; this denotes a weight or load that may be transferred, in maritime language it is a ships cargo, what it sails with as its load, freight.
 3. A sailing vessel must transfer some of its cargo or dump it when it runs into a storm. Paul saw this happen. **Acts 27:18-19**. These brethren are to take the heavy load from those who are struggling in rough seas.
- B. **"...and so fulfill the law of Christ."**
1. "Fulfill" = αναπληρω = "to fill up completely".
 2. "Law" = νομος = "anything divided out", "usage", "custom". Here Christ's teaching.
 3. The people who helped another person not only demonstrated their spiritual maturity but they also were following the principles of Jesus.

III. No One Is Exempted From This Work.

- A. **Vs. 3 "For if a man think himself to be something..."**
1. "Let every man learn to assess properly the value

- of his own work..." - Mof
2. "Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best..." - Tay
- B. **"when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."**
1. "Deceiveth" = φρεναπαταω = "Self delusion".
 2. "he is totally self-deceived".
- C. If a person believes that he is too important to help those of his own church family he suffers from self-delusion.
1. He is not "something".
 2. He in reality is, "nothing".