

**THE APOSTLE PAUL'S LETTER
TO THE
CHURCHES of GALATIA**

CHAPTER 6:1-5

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CHURCH – JESUS STYLE! – PART 2

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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We first saw that a

A CHURCH - JESUS STYLE

Is a church that is **Committed to the Spiritual Welfare** of others

CHURCH - JESUS STYLE

1.) *It's a Family of Others*

vv. 1

Galatians 6:1

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a.) *The Church is to be “a Living Body”*

b.) *The Church is to be “a Loving Body”*

c.) *The Church is to be “a Legal-less Body”*

d.) *The Church is to be “a Lowly Body”*

2 Corinthians 8:4

(we're to be active in the) “fellowship of the ministering to the saints.”

1 Thessalonians 4:9

But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

Romans 12:10

Love each other with brotherly affection and take delight in honoring each other.

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2.) *It's a Family that “Actively Cares”*

vv. 1-2

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Now Time to – Stand Em’ Up

a.) By “Being Spiritual”

v.1

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SPIRITUAL RESTORATION

(The Church Must Be – Restoration Central)

Why?

**Because It’s the very “Nature of the Ministry”
of Jesus Christ Himself (1/3)**

1 John 2:2

Jesus Christ Himself is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice)
for our sins, and not for ours only - but also for the whole world.

**Because It’s the very “Nature of Ministry”
That Jesus Has Called us To Do (2/3)**

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Because It’s the very “Nature of Ministry”
of a Spiritual Church (3/3)**

Luke 22:31-32

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

Do You Consider Yourself a Spiritual Person?

Then you will be **encouraging others**

Then you will be **reaching out to others**

Then you will be **ministering to others**

You will be finding out what the will of the Lord is for you in
this church

We're to – Stand Em' Up

That means that we're to invest in a two step restoration.

#1

We're to Disciple Him Personally

#2

We're to Fellowship in Prayer

No One Can “Go It Alone” in Christianity

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
(attend more church, more prayer meetings, more events, more fellowship)

Christianity

Is a non-spectator faith

This Church

Must be a non-spectator church

What a High Honor it is that God would bring to your attention a brother in need of Restoration.
Because those Who are Spiritual – Restore People back to God and Church!

***By Being Spiritual...
It's a Family that "Actively Cares"***

b.) By "Being Practical"

v.2

Bear one another's burdens,

Two Very Key Words are Used Here



Bear

grk 941 bastazo (bas-tad'-zo);

to lift or lighten. To take away excess weight. To carry, or take up that which is crushing.



Burdens

grk 922 baros (bar'-os);

That excessive weight which brings someone down. A heavy weight that causes one to sink down.

There's a Warning Here for Us

That we can become so defeated, that if we are not assisted in our Christian progress, we can be discouraged...

Galatians 6:8-9

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. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

**We who are Christians,
must be Spiritually - Practical People**

That God's Power is Available - like that lady who got into McGee's cab in New York

It's a Family that "Actively Cares"
By Being Spiritual...
By Being Practical

c.) By "Being Real"

v.2

and so **fulfill the law** of Christ.

"fulfill the law"
***if you are going to follow God and be a Christian,
then you must fulfill the law.***

Romans 13:10

Love does no harm to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:8

Pay off all your debts except one, the debt of **loving others** -
never finish paying that off! For if you love others, you will be obeying all of God's laws
that have ever been, fulfilling all of His requirements.

James 2:8

If you desire to fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself,"

Let's Get Real

About **Spiritual Matters**

About **Practical Conduct**

About **Being Real Christians**

1 Timothy 4:12

...but be an example to the believers in word,(what you say) in conduct, (how you live) in love, (devotion) in spirit, (who we really are) in faith, (doing what's right) in purity (a dedicated life).

Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Third, We see that a

CHURCH - JESUS STYLE

Is a church that is Spiritually Healthy

3.) It's a Family that's "Spiritually" Healthy vv. 3-4

3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

It's a Family that's Spiritually Healthy

a.) We're to have an "Honest View" of Self v.3

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



deceives himself grk 5422 phrenapatao (fren-ap-at-ah'-o); to mislead your mind, to fool yourself into thinking ill. To create a false reality of one's self.

Legalism is a Spiritual Virus
That causes "I" trouble

Thinks himself to be something

The Pharisee and his “Robe Pull”

The Christian Cannot See Himself as
Superior to Anyone
Even an Erring Brother

It's a Family that's Spiritually Healthy

b.) We're to “Judge Ourselves” instead of others v.4a

But let **each** one **examine** his **own work**,



Examine grk 1381 dokimazo (dok-im-ad'-zo);
to approve, after testing. To study or to discern by trying.

2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not **class** ourselves or **compare** ourselves with those who **commend** themselves. But they, **measuring** themselves by themselves, and **comparing** themselves among themselves, are not wise.

1 Corinthians 11:31

For if we would **judge** ourselves, we would not be **judged**.

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. **Test** yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—
unless indeed you are disqualified.

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(Ephesians, page 25)

It's a Family that's Spiritually Healthy

c.) We're to "Have Our Own" Testimony

v.4b

and then he will have **rejoicing** in himself alone, and not in another.

This Rejoicing is:

To boast as in the Lord. To have a godly confidence. To have Appropriate glory or glorying in God's works

It's to have a Godly Testimony

Psalm 44:8

In God we boast all day long, and praise Your name forever. Selah

If God is at work in Your Life and in Your Church
You will not want to talk about what you're doing, but would rather talk about what God has done, what God is doing, what God is going to do...

2 Corinthians 10:13

We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us-- a sphere which especially includes you.

Fourthly, We see that a

CHURCH - JESUS STYLE

Is a church Family that is at Work Together

4.) It's a Family that Works Together

vv. 5

For each one shall bear his **own load**.



Load grk 5413 phortion (for-tee'-on);

To carry the proper freight. A licensed weight or the correct load. To haul what is appropriate.

a.) Our Work is to Live "His Life" through our lives

Luke 2:49

...Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Is Jesus Christ Living His Life Out Through Me?

John 14:15-18

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Our "His" Life in This World

1 John 4:16-17

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

b.) Our Work is to Know "His Will" for our lives v.5

**Not the Will for My Brother's Life but
For Me!**

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

There's a hungering to know His will.
A burning desire to see it happen

c.) *Our Work is to Labor Together in "His Cause" v.5*

We All Have Our "Load" – "Designer Load"

A Mother Carrying Her Unborn Child
A Ship Carrying its Cargo

The Word was Used in Ancient Rome
For a Solider Carrying His Own Backpack

It was essential, and normal, and reasonable
to have that task at hand

2 Timothy 2:3-4

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

Soldiers Carry
the Necessities not the Amenities!
he's not burdened down with distractions or temptations

It's what Jesus spoke of...

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take **My yoke** upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My **yoke** is easy and My **burden** is light."

(for-tee'-on = Load)

To carry the proper freight or weight

“WELL DOING”

Galatians 6:9-10

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.

Life has its Troubles, and Some of them are Great.

But there is not one trial or tribulation or sickness or pain or hardship that is not going to Benefit you for the very Best both now and for Eternity

This is Hard for Us
And Impossible to Understand

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

All Things (all means all and that's all that all means)
work Together for Good (My Good and God's Good)

A CHURCH, A CHRISTIAN - JESUS STYLE

Has the Message center to its Vision

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

There are Burdens we can Share,
Then there's Burdens we must bear.

Some Together / Some Alone

(Mr. Funk of Funk and Wagnall fame, said the saddest word in the language is the word "Alone".

Sickness, Emotional Stress, Pain, and Death