

April 15, 2012
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Galatians 6:3-5

“Do Good To All Men, Part Four”

- I. The Gospel of Grace Alone Through Faith Alone in the Finished Work of Christ Alone Defended (1:1-2:21)
- II. The Gospel of Grace Alone Through Faith Alone in the Finished Work of Christ Alone Explained (3:1-4:31)
- III. The Gospel of Grace Alone Through Faith Alone in the Finished Work of Christ Alone Applied (5:1-6:18)
 - A. Position of Liberty: Stand Fast (5:1-12)
 - B. Practice of Liberty: Love One Another (5:13-15)
 - C. Power for Liberty: Walk in the Spirit (5:16-26)
 - D. Performance in Liberty: Do Good to all Men (6:1-16)
 - 1. Bearing the Burden of Grace vs. Law (6:1-5)
 - a. Problem #1 – v. 1-2

b. Problem #2 – v. 3-5

1) Problem - For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

- Does this problem relate to the person with the **burden** or to the person who is supposed to **help**?

View 1: the person with the burden

View 2: the person who should be helping bear burdens

2) Process - examine...work

3) Personnel - each one...his own...

4) Pattern - then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

5) Principle - For each one will bear his own load.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to “preach the Gospel to yourself every day”? How are you doing this? How might you do a better job of this in the days to come?
2. Give an example to the group of how you bore someone else’s burden recently. And/or give an example of how someone else bore your burden.
3. Clearly v. 3-5 is related to v. 1-2 (notice the beginning word in v. 3, 4, 5: “for,” “but,” “for). Does the problem in v. 3 relate to the person with the burden or the person that is supposed to help with the burden? Or both? Why would this be a specific problem for the person with the burden? Why would this be a specific problem for the person that is supposed to help with the burden?
4. Explain v. 3-5 and make application to View 1: Paul is talking about the person with the burden.
5. Explain v. 3-5 and make application to View 2: Paul is talking about the person who should be helping bear burdens.
6. What if the burden is **legalism**? Now what might v. 3 specifically be saying? Verse 4? Verse 5?
7. “He who mirrors himself in the mirror of another Person’s conduct mirrors himself gently.” What problems can occur when we compare ourselves to others instead of comparing ourselves to the standards of Christ? Give examples.
8. Is Paul saying that we can examine ourselves and then boast about what we have accomplished? See 2 Cor. 10:12-18; Gal. 6:13-14.
9. Why does Paul use a different Greek word in v. 2 (burden) and v. 5 (load)? What load is he referring to that each person must bear alone?
10. Who do you know that needs help overcoming Legalism or License? What will you prayerfully do to help them overcome this problem and learn to walk by the Spirit?