

# Reflection Questions

## Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

What is the Law of Christ and how is it different than the Mosaic Law?

## Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

Who are the “spiritual” who should restore those who stumble into sin?

## Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

How does this passage instruct us concerning church discipline?

## Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

When exhorting those who stumble into sin, what should we remember?

# Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

## Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Song #313 ~ We Believe

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:1-32

Song #151 ~ The Solid Rock

Scripture Reading: Genesis 33:1-20

Prayer

Sermon ~ Galatians 6:1-2

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #257 ~ Look, Ye Saints

Galatians 5:13

For you were called to freedom, brethren, only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

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## Text: Galatians 6:1-2

**Theme:** Justification and sanctification are by faith apart from the works of the Law (Gal. 3:3).

**Introduction:** Sometimes Christians stumble into sin, while other times Christians sin willfully. Because of this, Paul gives several different types of ways for dealing with those who call themselves believers. For example, we ought to strongly admonish those who are unruly (i.e. 1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Thess. 5:14), but encourage the faint-hearted (1 Thess. 5:14). In Galatians 6, Paul is dealing with the believer who stumbles into sin.

- I. Being led by the Spirit within the local church (1-2).
  - A. Restore those stumbling into sin with gentleness (1).

**Explanation:** Although NASB translates the verb as “caught” which implies that the person was caught in sin, Paul is likely referring to someone who unintentionally stumbles into sin (cf. 1 Thess. 5:14).

**Explanation:** The “spiritual” is not referring to the mature believer, but rather the believer who is led by the Spirit (5:16, 18, 25).

**Application:** We *all* have a responsibility to exhort our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is not just the role of the pastor or the spiritually mature, but rather, all who are led by the Spirit.

    1. Restore them into fellowship (1).

**Application:** The goal is restoration. When another believer stumbles into sin, they cannot have genuine fellowship while living in sin. David recognized this and begged God to restore the joy of his salvation (Ps. 51:12).
    2. Restore in a spirit of gentleness (1).

**Explanation:** Ideally, church discipline stops at the first step—go to your brother alone (Matt. 18:15). Although the Matthew 18 doesn’t specify that we ought to go in a spirit of gentleness, Paul makes that abundantly clear.

**Application:** Confronting sin with a spirit of gentleness is hardest when someone has sinned against you (Matt. 18:15). But if you are genuinely being led by the Spirit, you will respond in gentleness.

3. Remember, you are prone to the same types of sin (1).

**Explanation:** When confronting others over their sin, it is easy to be pride and think that you would never sin in that way (5:26).

B. Bear the burdens of others (2).

**Explanation:** bearing the burdens of others is probably not directly connected to verse 1 (i.e. bearing with others in their sin).

1. Bearing the burdens of others fulfills the Law of Christ (2).

**Explanation:** What is the Law of Christ? The Law of Christ is loving your neighbor as yourself (5:13-14).

**Application:** It’s easy to love someone when it doesn’t require anything from us. But love for others is on full display when it requires us to bear their burdens.

**Conclusion:** Paul is writing from a heart of pastoral care. These Galatian believers have been burdened with the requirements of the Law of Moses. And, no doubt, the church was on the verge of self-destructing. The answer—humility (1, 3-4)