

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - November 25, 2012
Galatians 6:1-5 Fruit in Action - Burden Bearing

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2. Verse 1 Believers have a _____ and _____ mind
- a. Christians should know redemption - **Ephesians 2:3 - 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**
- b. **Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him**[redemption] **in a spirit of gentleness.**
- i. Caught [prolambano] to anticipate something, to detect, to surprise, to catch or be discovered; Transgression [paraptoma] offense or sin; when a person transgresses the will of God by breaching his revealed will in His law or Word.
- c. **WHO** is to be instrumental in restoring them? ***You who are spiritual*** Notice Paul uses *spiritual* and not religious!
- i. Those who are **Spiritual** [pneumatikos] one who has received God's spirit and lives in accordance with His precepts (should define every beating heart claiming Christ!)
- ii. No one is perfect, we are not seeking _____, but we do need to have some amount of Christian maturity and wisdom that would enable you to be able to go to someone "caught in a transgression" with particular sins and help them out of it without causing more _____ or confusion? [Major Hogue is a perfect example]
- d. **WHAT** is to be done? ***Restore him gently*** [spirit of gentleness]
- i. Restore [katartizo] to make someone completely adequate or sufficient for something; gently [prautes] to treat someone in a spirit of gentleness as opposed to treating them harshly [Fruit of the Spirit] The words here were used in ancient times to describe mending a net that is broken or healing a fractured bone.
- ii. This is a very delicate procedure - **Matthew 18:15-17** shows us the process but leaves out one incredibly challenging detail, the _____ involved in the process. Each case is unique, but similar.
- e. **HOW** it is to be done? ***Keep watch on yourself - you too can be tempted*** [accountable]
- i. Keep watch [skopeo] look for or notice; to be ready to look for future dangers or needs with the implication of preparedness to respond appropriately.

- ii. Can be tempted [peirazo] to try or attempt something that is against their better judgement; to tempt to trap, lead someone to sin.
- 1) We can become an _____ to their sin, Rom 13:4 (consequences of my sin)
- 2) We can become a **partaker** of the same sin
- 3) 2-3 Believers are _____ and _____ with one another
- a. **2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ** [Sacrifice]. **3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself** [Humility].
- b. We know we have the inner peace that is only provided by the Lord...but we also need the physical love and compassion that comes from our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ on this earth...that make God and Christ real to us physically. **1 John 3:17**
- c. **John Stott** - "God's comfort was not given to Paul through his private prayer and waiting upon the Lord, but through the companionship of a friend and through the good news which he brought."
- d. ***Bear one another's burden - Bear*** [Bastazo] pick up or to carry; to bear or carry a relatively heavy or burdensome object; Burdens [Baros] physical weight or metaphorically used to describe suffering, financial strife, relational issues, persecution...etc; ***Fulfill the law of Christ - Fulfill*** [anapleroo] to complete or fulfill; to conform to some standard as a means of demonstrating its purpose; Law of Christ [nomos de Christos] ***John 13:34 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.***
- e. This shows us that to love one another as Christ loved us may lead us not to some heroic, spectacular deed of self-sacrifice, but to the much more _____ and **unspectacular** ministry of burden-bearing.
- i. It is not the job of the government or the secular field to fill the following needs: poor, failing marriages, children, orphans, widows and babies in distress - these burdens belong to the church, not CPS or DHS.
- f. Two obstacles to bearing one another's burdens: ***prideful self deception*** brought on by ***failure to self examine honestly***
- i. ***Think he is something when he is nothing - he deceives himself*** [Humility]
4. 19-20 True Believers _____ examine before examining _____.
- a. **4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.**
- i. Instead of scrutinizing our neighbor and comparing ourselves with him, we are to test our own work for we have to bear our own own load.

