

Galatians 6

- 1 Brothers, if a man is overtaken in a fault, you the spiritual ones restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourself, lest you also be tempted.
- 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the Law of Christ.
- 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, being nothing, he deceives himself.
- 4 But let each one prove his own work, and then he alone will have a boast in himself, and not in another.
- 5 For each one will bear his own load.
- 6 But let him who is taught in the Word share with the one teaching in all good things.

- 1 Frères, si un homme vient à être surpris en quelque faute, vous qui êtes spirituels, redressez-le avec un esprit de douceur. Prends garde à toi-même, de peur que tu ne sois aussi tenté.
- 2 Portez les fardeaux les uns des autres, et vous accomplirez ainsi la loi de Christ.
- 3 Si quelqu'un pense être quelque chose, quoiqu'il ne soit rien, il s'abuse lui-même.
- 4 Que chacun examine ses propres œuvres, et alors il aura sujet de se glorifier pour lui seul, et non par rapport à autrui;
- 5 car chacun portera son propre fardeau.
- 6 Que celui à qui l'on enseigne la parole fasse part de tous ses biens à celui qui l'enseigne.

- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also will reap.**
- 8 For he sowing to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But he sowing to the Spirit will reap life everlasting from the Spirit.**
- 9 But we should not lose heart in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not faint.**
- 10 So then as we have time, let us work good toward all, especially toward those of the household of faith.**
- 11 See in what large letters I write to you with my hand.**
- 12 As many as desire to look well in the flesh, these compel you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.**

- 7 Ne vous y trompez pas: on ne se moque pas de Dieu. Ce qu'un homme aura semé, il le moissonnera aussi.**
- 8 Celui qui sème pour sa chair moissonnera de la chair la corruption; mais celui qui sème pour l'Esprit moissonnera de l'Esprit la vie éternelle.**
- 9 Ne nous lassons pas de faire le bien; car nous moissonnerons au temps convenable, si nous ne nous relâchons pas.**
- 10 Ainsi donc, pendant que nous en avons l'occasion, pratiquons le bien envers tous, et surtout envers les frères en la foi.**
- 11 Voyez avec quelles grandes lettres je vous ai écrit de ma propre main.**
- 12 Tous ceux qui veulent se rendre agréables selon la chair vous contraignent à vous faire circoncire, uniquement afin de n'être pas persécutés pour la croix de Christ.**

- 13 For they themselves, having been circumcised, do not even keep the Law, but they desire you to be circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.**
- 14 But may it never be for me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.**
- 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision has any strength, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.**
- 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and upon the Israel of God.**
- 17 For the rest, let no one give troubles to me, for I bear in my body the brands of the Lord Jesus.**
- 18 Brothers, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**

- 13 Car les circoncis eux-mêmes n'observent point la loi; mais ils veulent que vous soyez circoncis, pour se glorifier dans votre chair.**
- 14 Pour ce qui me concerne, loin de moi la pensée de me glorifier d'autre chose que de la croix de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ, par qui le monde est crucifié pour moi, comme je le suis pour le monde!**
- 15 Car ce n'est rien que d'être circoncis ou incirconcis; ce qui est quelque chose, c'est d'être une nouvelle créature.**
- 16 Paix et miséricorde sur tous ceux qui suivront cette règle, et sur l'Israël de Dieu!**
- 17 Que personne désormais ne me fasse de la peine, car je porte sur mon corps les marques de Jésus.**
- 18 Frères, que la grâce de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ soit avec votre esprit! Amen!**

What does a
walk by the
Spirit look like?

1. Bearing one another's burdens
2. Bearing my own burdens
3. Not losing heart but taking every opportunity, as we have time
4. Rejoicing (boasting) in the cross of Christ
5. Becoming the Israel (testimony) of God

1. Bearing one
another's
burdens

Galatians 6:1-3

- Brothers, if a man is overtaken in a fault, you the spiritual ones restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourself, lest you also be tempted.
- **Bear one another's burdens**, and so you will fulfill the Law of Christ.
- For if anyone thinks himself to be something, being nothing, he deceives himself.

To bear another's
cross

Not to command others
to conform to a certain
kind of walk

But in a spirit of
meekness to bear with
others' weaknesses,
burdens and views

The Greek word for
« burden » is « baros »
which means « weight,
load, » with the notion of
« going down »

Examples

- A different way to come to the Bible
- A different understanding of certain parts of the Bible
- A different way to preach the gospel
- A different way of praying
- A different way of serving in the church life

To listen to the brothers
and sisters, to seek to
understand them

To know the brothers
and sisters

Yet at the same time
not to partake of the
same weaknesses

Galatians 6:1

- Brothers, if a man is overtaken in a fault, you the spiritual ones restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, **considering yourself, lest you also be tempted.**

2. Bearing my own burdens

Galatians 6:4-5

- But let **each one** prove **his own work**, and then he alone will have a boast in himself, and not in another.
- For **each one** will **bear his own load**.

**Not being a cross
to others**

Considering myself

Proving my own work

With rejoicing
(boasting)

There is no expectation
of a reward for bearing
others' burdens

For example, I cannot
bear someone else's
cross, expecting that
person to bear my
cross now

The Lord Himself is our
reward, our joy, our
rejoicing

3. Not losing heart
but taking every
opportunity, as we
have time

Galatians 6:7-10

- Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. For whatever a man **sows**, that he also will reap (v. 7)
- For he **sowing** to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But he **sowing to the Spirit** will reap life everlasting from the Spirit (v. 8)
- But **we should not lose heart in well-doing**, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not faint (v. 9)
- So then **as we have time**, let us work good toward all, especially toward those of the household of faith (v. 10)

To sow is to
invest in the Lord

To come to the
Lord, again and
again

As we have time,
we may take
every opportunity

Will we fail?

Yes

Again and
again

Do not
lose heart

Do not
faint

To faint is to give
up coming to the
Lord and to the
saints

4. Rejoicing (boasting) in the cross of Christ

Galatians 6:12-15

- As many as desire to look well in the flesh, these compel you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer **persecution for the cross of Christ** (v. 12)
- For they themselves, having been circumcised, do not even keep the Law, but they desire you to be circumcised so that **they may boast in your flesh** (v. 13)
- But **may it never be for me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world (v. 14)
- For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision has any strength, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation (v. 15)

In such a walk by
the Spirit, the
danger is to try to
force others to do
something to make
myself look good

So I can escape the
persecution of the
cross of Jesus Christ

The cross kills or
terminates and
exposes

The problem is that
I want to look good
(the spiritual world)

Examples

- Doing things in the church life as assignments, without burden from the Lord
- Getting someone to read the Bible or pray so I can boast in that accomplishment
- Not willing to be exposed and to realize that I am nothing and have nothing and can do nothing
- And that anything I do is nothing I can boast in

5. Becoming the Israel (testimony) of God

Galatians 6:16

- And as many as **walk according to this rule**, peace and mercy be upon them and upon the **Israel of God**

This « walk » in Greek is
« stoicheo » which means
« to walk in line, to march
in military rank, to keep
step, to walk orderly, to
conform to virtue and
piety »

« Rule » in Greek is
« kanon » which means
« a reed or a rod, »
« canon, » « standard, »
« sphere, » « boundary »

It is a restricted walk, a
walk with boundaries, a
standard, for the
testimony of God, not
for own own spirituality
and growth

A walk that has no
boast in the spiritual
accomplishments of the
flesh, but recognizes
that it is altogether due
to the mercy of our God

Bearing one another's burdens	Bearing my own burdens	Not losing heart but taking every opportunity, as we have time	Rejoicing (boasting) in the cross of Christ	Becoming the Israel (testimony of God)
To bear one another's cross	Not being a cross to others, but considering myself	Sowing to the Spirit is to invest in the Lord, to come to Him, to saints	Willing to be terminated by the cross of Christ so we have no boast in ourselves	A walk by military rule and order, a walk that is restricted
To listen to, to understand, and to know brothers and sisters in their burdens and weaknesses	Not expecting others to bear my cross as my reward	As we have time, taking every opportunity, again and again	Not trying to force others to do spiritual things so we can look good in our flesh	A walk that is not for our own spirituality or progress, but for the testimony and glory of God
Yet not to participate in weaknesses	With joy, since the Lord is our reward	Not losing heart in our failures	We have nothing and can do nothing	All because of the mercy of our God