

Book of Galatians
(God's Written Law vs Rabbinical Oral Law)

2018 Part 21



*Paul Transitions from the Last Few Verses of Chapter 5
Concerning the Works of Flesh & Fruits of Spirit to
Chapter 6*

Galatians 6/1-2

Review of Last Two Messages

- Gal 6:1-2 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual (you who are Walking in the Spirit instead of Walking in the Flesh) restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- God holds us responsible for bearing one another's burdens (including helping each other grow spiritually by pointing out one another's faults) even though we are each ultimately responsible for making the changes needed to become more like Christ.

We become guilty of the person's fault if we say nothing and do not try to restore the individual from his fault.

Not guilty if we make the attempt to restore even though the person does not make any effort to change.

The message today....

Galatians 6/3-5

*These verses are within the Context of
Walking in the Spirit
so that we can help
Bear One Another's Burdens*

Galatians 6/3-5

- Gal 6:3-5 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. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.
- Let's analyze what Paul is saying in each of these three verses.

Galatians 6/3

- Gal 6:3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- To me this verse tells us not to have a big head when you try to restore someone from his fault. Approach the person with a humble attitude and with the aim of trying to help and restore the individual. Don't approach the person thinking that you are better than he is.
- But we need to learn how to properly restore and judge.

God Instructs Us How to Properly Judge & Restore

- *Matt 7:1-5 "Judge not, that you be not judged (we are expected to judge but to judge properly. . . .you can't judge the things that are inside the person that you can't see. . . .thoughts/motives. . . .but you can judge the behaviors/actions that you can see).*
- *1 Cor 6:1-6 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?*

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- 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

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- *4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?*

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- *5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!*

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- Matt 7:2-5 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Galatians 6/3

- Gal 6:3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- So, to properly judge/restore someone from his faults, don't approach the person with a big head... be sure you are Walking in the Spirit and not in the Flesh... not with a plank in your own eye.
- You deceive yourself when you approach the situation with a big head. It's one thing for someone else to deceive you but pretty bad when you deceive yourself.

Galatians 6/4

- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work (actions/conduct in other translations), and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
- Gal 6:4 NET Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.
- Let's unpack the meaning of this verse.

Galatians 6/4

- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- About 99% of the Christian community teaches a “grace-alone” message without any need of “works”....to many Believers, if you do any “works”, then you are trying to “earn” your salvation so there is little emphasis on your “works, actions or conduct”.
- But here Paul tells us that “works” are important and are part of our salvation journey....if you are to examine your works, then you must have works to be examined....so we better have works that go along with our faith/grace.

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- We don't believe that you can "earn" your salvation... it is faith/grace through Jesus the Messiah.
- We don't work to be Saved... we work Because we are saved.
- Jude 1 NIV For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- Grace does not cancel God's Law (Torah... God's instruction for mankind) ...it gives us another opportunity to obey God's Law...opportunity to continue to "practice" obeying God's Law.
- If a judge shows you "grace" for violating a traffic law and let's you go, he may say, "Go, but I don't want to see you here again"...he is saying, "Leave my courtroom and go and obey the law".
- Freedom without law results in chaos and anarchy.
- The source for God's Law is God...not man. Man can change his man-made laws, but not God's Laws.

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- Phil 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
- Then Paul tells us in the next few verses how we are to work out our salvation.

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- Phil 2:14-16 Do all things without complaining and disputing,
15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God
without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,
among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the
word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have
not run in vain or labored in vain.
- God tells us that works are expected and will be tried by fire.
- We will either hear: “Well done” or “Depart from me”.

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- 1 Cor 3:5-17 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor (works).

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God (grace & works are mentioned here together) which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one (we are the "each one") take heed how he (you are the "he") builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- 12 Now if anyone (each of us are the “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 (trust = test over a period of time... this is a time of testing by God... we need to examine our works... for sure, He will eventually examine them).

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- 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 (we will suffer the consequences in this life and in the next). 16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.
- We are to do Works along with Grace.

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- We are to let our "light shine" so that men can see our good works. . . .our works are to be seen by others for the glory of God.
- Matt 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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- Is there part of your life where you are not being a good example... where you don't have a good reputation... your finances, your family, your relationships with siblings, parents, co-workers, employer, etc... God warns us that we had better "examine our own works"....they will eventually be examined by God...are you passing these "work-tests").
- These good works are to add value by you to God's Work of making disciples...do non-believers want what you have or would they rather NOT have any of what you have to offer.

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- We each need to try to shine through our works.
- If you don't see yourself as the light of the world, you are not going to try to shine.
- You may say, "Well, I'm the only Believer in my family... they won't listen to me". God says, "Light them up anyway through your example... you are the light-bringer to whatever relationship you are in"....that's the role of a Believer and you say that you are a Believer.

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- But you say, "They don't want to hear what I have to say... my example doesn't do any good"God says, tell them anyway, especially tell them through your example.
- Ezek 3:1-11 Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll (eat God's Word...not live by bread alone but by every Word of God), and go (a command not a suggestion), speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.

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- *Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)*
- *3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness (Psalm 19/10 & Psalm 119/103... God's Law/Word is sweeter than honey).*

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- *Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)*
- *4 Then He said to me: "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. 5 For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, but to the house of Israel,*

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- 6 not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you. 7 But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted.

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- 8 Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads. 9 Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house."

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- Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)
- 10 Moreover He said to me: "Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears. 11 And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord God,' whether they hear, or whether they refuse."

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- Being a light to the world (Matt 5/14-16) is written in the context of what Jesus said about “not destroying the Law”.
- Matt 5:17-20 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (does not mean he came to keep it so now we don't have to). 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

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- *Gal 6:4 But let each one examine his own work, (actions/conduct)*
- *19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

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- Part of being a light to the world is to believe and live God's Law... God's Torah... God's instruction.
- Being a light to the world applies to all of us: Men/Women, Young/Old.
- Titus 2:1-8 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

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- 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things — 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. 6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,

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- 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, & sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.
- Men/Women, Young/Old...work hard on shining your light instead of bringing darkness/works of the flesh into the church and into the environment wherever you are...family, work, neighborhood, etc. Especially those who have been in the church for a long time, be a shining example to the new Believers.

Galatians 6/3-5 - Summary

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- Let's all work at shining our light...doing good works....being a shining example of living God's Word....God's Law....God's Torah....God's instructions.
- Our Works will eventually be tested and we will be rewarded accordingly...with "Well done" or "Depart from me".