

# *Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies*

## **Galatians 6:1-5**

### **Lesson 14**

In this week's study we will learn about the Believer's responsibility to other believers. This is a strict, but tender, passage on ways of ministering to one another. May you be challenged.

#### **DAY ONE: Read Galatians 6:1-5**

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
  - a. Galatians 6:1-5 is one section/paragraph division. List below the subjects covered in this section.

How would you title this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheets.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

Used in previous lesson: *Christ* and *law*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Galatians 6:1-5

3. Paul uses the contrasting term *but* in verse 4. Record what is being contrasted.
4. Make a list of the instructions given to the believer in Galatians 6:1-5.

## DAY TWO: Review Galatians 6:1

1. Concentrate on the practical instruction given to the *Brethren* (believers) in Galatians 6:1 as you write this verse phrase by phrase.
  
2. The word *overtaken* means “caught or overcome” and carries with it an element of surprise. The word *trespass* can mean “fall or sin”. What does this verse say should be done *if a man* (believer) be *overtaken in any trespass*?
  - a. Who is to *restore such a one*?
    - 1.) The *spiritual* person refers to one who is walking in the Spirit and led by the Spirit. Why is this a necessary qualification?
  - b. *Restore* is the Greek word used to “set a joint” as a broken bone would be adjusted or repaired. Expand your understanding of the word *restore* by listing synonyms.
  - c. Especially notice and record the *spirit* in which this is to be done.
    - 1.) Define the word *gentleness*.
  - d. Focus intently on the words *considering yourself*. This also means “watch or take heed”. According to this verse, explain why an attitude of *gentleness* is required.
    - 1.) Notice the word *tempted*. This is a necessary caution, do not ignore it. How does 1 Corinthians 10:12 amplify this?

### DAY THREE: Read Galatians 6:2

1. Paul continued with his practical instruction to believers in Galatians 6:2. What is our responsibility to *one another* according to this verse?
  - a. The meaning of the word *bear* is to “lift or to carry”. *Burdens* refers to that which is “a heavy weight” like that of cares, sorrows, or tribulations of life. Share ways you can do this.
  - b. What does this verse say we *fulfill* when we do this?
    - 1.) Write this *law* from John 13:34.
    - 2.) To what degree are we to love others according to John 15:12(13)?
2. In what way does Romans 15:1 support Galatians 6:2?
3. Briefly share a time when someone came alongside you to *bear* your *burden*.
  - a. How did their obedience to Galatians 6:2 make a difference?

## **DAY FOUR: Read Galatians 6:3**

1. What is the error addressed in this verse?

a. When we have a wrong view of ourselves, what is the dangerous result?

1.) What are some other results of thinking too highly of ourselves?

b. How do the following verses help us retain a sober, right estimate of ourselves?

Romans 12:3

Philippians 2:3,4

2. Considering much of Paul's writing to the Galatians was to counter the teaching of the Judaizers, what problem may have been occurring in the church in Galatia?

a. Why do you think legalism can promote a wrong view of self (either negatively or positively)?

Challenge: How does the gospel refute this?

## DAY FIVE: Read Galatians 6:4,5

1. Observe the Amplified version of Galatians 6:4 *But let every person carefully scrutinize and examine and test his own conduct and his own work. He can then have the personal satisfaction and joy of doing something commendable (in itself alone) without (resorting to) boastful comparison with his neighbor.* What is *every person* to do?
  - a. We are to take personal responsibility to examine our *own work*. What will be the outcome of this?
  - b. How would obedience to verse 4 solve the problem of verse 3?
2. We all have the tendency to compare ourselves with others, especially with those who are *in a fault*. What are a few dangers of comparing ourselves with others?
3. Although Galatians 6:4 exhorts the believer to *examine his own work*, what had David learned to do? See Psalm 139:23-24.
  - a. What does God see that we tend to miss?
4. Record the declaration of Galatians 6:5.
  - a. The word *load* does not speak of *burden* as in Galatians 6:2. Here it is “something to be borne”, like a soldier’s pack, which is designed for him to bear or carry. This also refers to a normal task of service or a personal responsibility. The legalist is not interested in bearing his own load, but rather, what do Matthew 23:4 and Acts 15:1 say about the religious leaders?
    - 1.) Why do you think legalists tend to be so interested in the actions of others?
  - b. The believer’s *load* is two-fold. One, we each have our own responsibilities and trials that are ours alone to carry (with Christ). Secondly, we each have our own set of propensities to sin. What does Matthew 7:3-5 teach us about this?

## DAY SIX: Review Galatians 6:1-5

1. What is the best approach to helping a fellow believer caught in a sin?
  - a. What are some approaches to be avoided?
2. How is your view of yourself in line with God's view of you?
  - a. What inaccurate viewpoints do you tend to fall prey to?
    - 1.) How do inaccurate viewpoints of self (whether they be too high or too low) affect a believer's behavior towards others?
3. Using the first explanation of *bearing one's own load* as referred to in question #4b of Day Five, how is carrying one's own load different from bearing the burdens of others?
4. In what ways have you been challenged by this lesson?

*"I the LORD search the heart  
and examine the mind,  
to reward a man according to his conduct,  
according to what his deeds deserve."  
- Jeremiah 17:10 NIV*



