

THE PERIL OF RESCUE WORK AMONG THE BRETHREN

(Galatians 6:2-5)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

III. PAUL DEFENDS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY AND LIVING BY GRACE (Gal. 5 & 6)

A. You are to **STAND FAST** in Grace against **LEGALISM** (5:1-12)

B. You are to **STAND FIRM** in Liberty against **LICENSE** (5:13-26)

C. You are to **SERVE OTHERS** faithfully in the Spirit by **LOVE** (6:1-10)

1. Restoring fallen believers (6:1)

2. Relieving burdened believers (6:2-5)

a. Your personal responsibility towards other brothers and sisters in Christ is to “_____ *one another’s* _____.” (6:2a)

* What does the verb “*bear*” mean in v. 2?

* In the New Testament how is this word “*burden*” often used?

b. The outcome that Paul promises is that in carrying this load you will “_____ *the* _____ *of* _____.” (6:2b)

* From other passages what does this “*law*” entail?

c. The primary obstacle to fulfilling this command is _____, “*for if anyone* _____ *himself to be* _____.” (6:3)

* What is God’s two-fold evaluation of this person?

* What are some “burdens” the church is not responsible to bear?

--*Christian widows with relatives* (1 Tim. 5:3-8)

* According to this passage, what are the qualifications for church support?

--*Christian free loaders unwilling to work* (1 Thess. 4:9-12; 2Thess. 3:6-15)

* Is there exceptions to this exhortation?

d. You are commanded to be more concerned about your _____ and service unto the Lord, and as a result you won't be _____ yourself with other people. (6:4)

* According to v. 4, if this is applied, what kind of attitude will this result in for the believer?

e. The responsibility that each believer has before God is that, “*each one shall _____ his _____.*”

* In v. 5 what does the word “*load*” mean?

* Does grace equal irresponsibility?

* How can this passage have an impact on your own life?