

"Consistent obedience to this precept throughout the church would be of itself an evangelistic power immeasurably surpassing anything else it could bring into action."

Fulfilling the Law of Christ in the Family of God:
Galatians 5:25-6:5

As you know the book of Galatians is about stating what the gospel is, and what the gospel of God—is not. A changed message changes the results. The gospel Paul and the apostles taught, preached, and lived was a message of all-sufficient grace: We are delivered from guilt, punishment, and sin's dominion by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. This “alone”x 3 is humbling by design. Do not let gospel humility escape from your grip. READ

Proposition: If you will stay with this gospel message in Galatians it will make you a **God-glorifying something**—instead of a **self-deceived nothing**.

I. Don't be a “nothing”: 6:3.

A *nothing* is someone who has a comparison mindset. He compares himself with those “overtaken in trespass.”

This emphasis is a continuation of 5:26 that references a swaggering kind of vanity—provoking, challenging, eager to be first—and can't stand the success of others. Thus spawning envy and jealousy.

What is meant in context here is that “merely to compare oneself to a stumbling brother, and then to feel superior is to use the wrong yardstick.” Such people “deceive themselves”. He's nothing.

When a little boy announces that he is seven feet tall because he made his own ruler and measured himself—we know he is not living in reality.

Lost people do similarly when they say, I haven't murdered anyone or robbed anyone etc... And I live better than lots of church people!

II. Be “something”—especially in the family of God: 6:3-5.

“Something” explained: “his own work”vs. 4 “his own load”vs. 5

“There is a proper satisfaction which believers enjoy from knowing that his life and labors are pleasing to God.” **H. Kent**

Vs. 5 explains verse 4. The word “burden” is sometimes used of a ship's cargo.

It also applies to the responsibilities of practical discipleship which Christ appoints to His people: Matthew 11:30. These we accept and are responsible for.

Vs. 4 “rejoicing in himself alone” means that you have basis for glorying, a kind of boasting w/o pride—6:14. He knows what grace has accomplished in his life and its real!

This is a glorying in the Lord who is blessing me: “Saving, helping, keeping, loving,—He is with me to the end.”

III. Fulfill “the law of Christ” in the family of God.

True freedom is giving expression to one's true nature.

What we are witnessing in our country is a tearing apart of the social fabric according to different versions of freedom and happiness. This is why a government **of the people, by the people, and for the people must eventually fail**: these men and women have corrupt desires--it is a divided house that cannot stand.

A. Do the best for the most, fulfill the law of Christ: John 13:33-35.

“Things Old and New”--The command to Love God and our neighbor is old, existing in the Law before Christ.

This group of men consisted of varied personalities—not only capable of—but actually manifesting-- petty jealousies and comparisons. What will reach way down inside them and deliver them from such?

It is apparent that Christ was leaving—the best example of love the

world has ever known. The crowning deeds would come throughout the night in Gethsemane, then bound and stood through a series of mock trials, and finally next day—on the cross.

Made a curse for us-- “over us”-- Thorns, Sweat, Pain, Shame (entirely naked) separation, death.

When the procession reach Mount Calvary a Roman Centurion gave orders to a squad of four experienced executioners;

Matthew 27:34 says they offered him vinegar mingled with gall apparently to dull the body's feeling somewhat, but he declined desiring to submit with full consciousness to God's curse on sin.

Unlike Adam hiding in the trees, Christ goes forth—despising the shame—they remove his clothing. He is laid on the cross and nailed to it—and yet he opened not his mouth—and sitting down they watched him there.

B. The death of Christ as it relates to the “New Commandment”

This doesn't mean we can become a curse for one another. It does raise the old Commandment to a new level—toward God.

A new measure

A new motive—for Jesus' sake. These are His people.

A new power—in the Spirit.

C. Back to Galatians 6:2 A healthy believer will be concerned about recovering others from their lapses, falls, struggles-- The burdens include burdens of remorse, weakness, immaturity--

This directive, function is applicable to every situation where love can be displayed. Matthew 25:31-46 one criteria

