

Galatians (Part 25)

(A Life of Love (Part 1) – Galatians 6:1)

I. Paul's Apostolic Authority: The Divine Origin of Paul's Gospel Defended (chs. 1, 2)

II. The Gospel: The Certain Truth of Paul's Gospel Demonstrated (chs. 3, 4)

III. The Christian Life: The Practical Results of Paul's Gospel Described (chs. 5, 6)

A. A Life of Freedom (5:1-15)

B. A Life Controlled by the Holy Spirit (5:16-26)

C. A Life of Love (6:1-10)

-The centrality of love in Christian experience: Galatians 5:6, 13, 14, 22

1. Restoring Others (v. 1)

-The connection of 6:1 to 5:25, 26

a. The Situation Envisioned ("if anyone is caught in a trespass")

b. The Persons Addressed ("brothers" "you who are spiritual")

c. The Obligation Enjoined

1) Its Essence ("restore such a one")

2) Its Manner ("in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.")

Practical Lessons

1) Restoring others who sin is the goal of church discipline (Matthew 18:15-17).

2) Restoring others who sin is an expression of love (Proverbs 27:5, 6).

3) Restoring others who sin is a Jesus-like activity (Matthew 11:29; 2 Corinthians 10:1).