



**Faith: Trusting, Walking, Living***A Study in Ruth & Galatians***Galatians 6:1–10****Read Galatians 6:1–10.**

1. Paul instructs those who are spiritual to restore one “caught in a sin” (v. 1).
  - a. What do you think characterizes someone who is trapped in a sin? (Heb. 3:12–13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Glance back over what Paul has just said in 5:13–26. Jot down some phrases that capture what it means to be spiritual.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why does Paul call on those who are spiritual to do this work? (v. 1; 5:16, 22–25)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Now look at verse 2.
  - a. What is the law of Christ we are to fulfill? (5:14; Jn. 13:34)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What is one specific way Paul says we can fulfill this law? (vv. 1–2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Verse 2 implies that some burdens are too heavy to bear alone. The only way we can share these burdens is by being vulnerable with one another. Is there a burden that you have been trying to bear alone? Consider sharing it with someone in your small group, a trusted Christian friend or pastor.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Now Paul issues a caution for us as we set about loving one another.
  - a. What temptation do we face? (v. 3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What does Paul say we should do to guard against this temptation? (v. 4; Rom. 12:3)

- c. What does God promise? (1 Pet. 5:5b)
6. “Carry each other’s burdens” (v. 2) in this context refers to helping those who have failed to resist temptation. “Carry his own load” (v. 5) refers to resisting temptation in your own heart. How does Jesus’ instruction in Luke 6:41–42 help us as we seek to love one another?
7. What practical form of interconnectedness does Paul address in verse 6? (1 Cor. 9:11, 14; \*Rom. 12:4–5)
8. In verse 7, Paul warns the Galatians not to be deceived into thinking that God can be treated with contempt or outwitted when it comes to the principle of reaping what we sow.
- a. What are some ways our culture mocks this God-established principle? (You may want to consider how the Psalmist struggled with this in Ps. 73.)
- b. What happens to the one who “sows to please his sinful nature”? (v. 8a)
- c. What happens to “the one who sows to please the Spirit”? (v. 8b)
9. What do we need to remember when we are tempted to become weary or even to give up? (v. 9)
10. What should we be motivated to do as we consider the harvest? (v. 10; 1 Cor. 15:58)
11. The law of Christ is the centerpiece of this passage. Ask God to show you the opportunities he has prepared for you to fulfill it today.

\*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.