

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Spring Quarter: "Faith and Freedom" (Galatians)

"Having defended both his authority as an apostle (chs. 1-2) and the doctrine of justification by faith (chs. 3-4), Paul turned to defend the life of Christian freedom (chs. 5-6). Would the apostle's teaching lead the Galatians into lawlessness or into godliness? The Christian life is described as **a life** apart from Law, **a life** apart from license, **a life** according to the Spirit, and **a life** of service."

A LIFE OF SERVICE (6:1-10)

A believer is free from the Law of Moses and possesses liberty in the Spirit, but he or she must fulfill the law of Christ, & this can be done in the power of the Spirit. Such a life involves sacrificial service directed toward . . .

1. Toward the Christian who is burdened (vv. 2-5)
"Carry each other's burdens, & in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"
2. Toward the Christian who has been "caught in a sin" (v. 1)
"You who are spiritual should restore him gently."
3. Toward the _____ - _____ (vv. 6-9)
 - A. One responsibility of each believer is to shoulder the financial support of the pastor-teachers in the church. See 1 Cor. 9:7-14; 1 Tim. 5:17-18 (quoting Deut. 25:4 and Luke 10:7).
Two possible abuses:
 - 1) Abuse by _____
 - 2) Abuse by the _____
 - B. Verses 7 & 8 elaborate on the previous exhortation. Each sower decides what his harvest will be. The "sower" (in context) is a believer in the distribution of his/her financial resources. Where are your priorities? Are you spending your money (sowing) to indulge the flesh; or using your funds to support the Lord's work, and reap a harvest?
 - C. Verse 9 suggests that Christians may become discouraged with spiritual sowing 'cause the harvest is often long in coming. (Paul may have himself in mind here; cp. 1:6; 4:7-8, 11, 15, 19-20).
4. Toward _____ (v. 10)
Christians have a measure of responsibility 'to all people' to 'do good' when the occasion arises (i.e. feeding of 5000). The benevolence of Christians should not be restricted, except that believers are to have the priority. The passage then speaks clearly about Christian social responsibility.