

***“The Law Of Christ”***  
***Galatians 5:25 - 6:2***

**Introduction:**

1. This Morning:
  - Let's Head Back Over To The Book Of Galatians Together:
    - Galatians Chapter 5!
  - Where Last Week - We Looked At:
    - The Big Difference Between:
      - The Works Of The Flesh! (5:19-21)
      - And The Fruit Of The Spirit! (5:22-23)
  - And How - The Fruit Of The Spirit:
    - Can Be Cultivated In The Life Of A True Christian:
      - As You “Walk In The Spirit!”
        - **IE:** There Will Be Growth Like The Growth Of A Garden Or An Orchard!
          - May Start Out Small, But It Will Grow In Stages! It May Grow Slowly, But It Will Grow Surely!
2. And This All Takes Place:
  - Because When You Respond To The Gospel:
    - And “Believe On The Lord Jesus Christ!” (Acts 16:31)
      - From That Moment On:
        - You “Belong To The Lord Jesus Christ!”
  - Which We See In 5:24:
    - “And **they that are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts!”
      - “They That Are Christ's!”
        - Can This Be Said Of You This Morning?
    - Are You Christ's?
      - Do You Belong To Jesus?
        - If Not – You Can!
          - Today!
      - You Need To Turn From:
        - The Works Of Your Flesh – Your Sin:
          - And Turn To & Trust In The Work Of Jesus Christ To Save You From Your Sin!
  - And When You Do:
    - You “Are Christ's!”
      - You Belong To Him – Forevermore!
        - Jesus Said - “Him That Cometh To Me I Will In No Wise Cast Out!” (John 6:37)
    - And Then - He Gives You:
      - Everything You Need In Order To Live As You Were Intended To Live!
3. All True Christians Have Been Given:
  - A New Life & A New Law To Live By!
    - And We See This In 5:25 - 6:2 - “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. / Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. / Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. / Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ!”
  - This Morning:
    - We Are Going To Look At These Gifts More Closely Together!

\* The First Gift Jesus Gives To Those Who Belong To Him Is:

1. ***A New Life!***
  - Remember What Paul Writes?
    - In 2 Corinthians 5:17 - “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!”
      - Every Christian Has Been Given New Life!
        - Galatians 5:25 - “If We Live!”
          - Only When You Respond By Faith To The Gospel Of Jesus Christ:
            - Are You Given This New & Abundant Life!

- 2:20 - "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me!"
- Now, Back In 5:25-26 - Not Only Do We Discover:
  - The Source Of This New Life:
    - The Spirit Of God!
      - 5:25 - "If We Live In The Spirit!"
- But We Also Discover:
  - The Effects Of This New Life:
    - "Let Us!"
      - In Other Words - There Will Be An Earnest Desire To Live This New, Christian Life!
    - **IE:** How Can You Tell If Someone Is Living Or Dead? If Living, There Will Be Effects Of The Principle Of Life In A Person's Body! Heart Beating / Lungs Breathing / Brain Operating!
- And This Is What This New Christian / Spiritual Life:
  - Will Be Like As Well!
    - There Will Be Spiritual Effects In Your Heart & Life! There Will Be A Desire & A Quest To Live:
- A Life Of Holiness!
  - 5:25 - "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit!"
    - Remember What It Means:
      - To "Walk In The Spirit?"
    - It Means To Live Your Life:
      - Step By Step - Under The Direction & Influence Of God The **Holy** Spirit!
      - And The Primary Source Of His Direction & Influence Is The **Holy** Word Of God!
  - Is There This Desire In Your Heart Today?
    - To Be Holy Even As He Is Holy?
      - 1 Peter 1:15 - "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation!"
  - As You Continue To "Walk In The Spirit":
    - You Will Continue To Bear The "Fruit Of The Spirit!"
      - Which Is - "Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance!"
  - Do You See In Your Life:
    - This Quest For A Life Of Holiness?
      - When You Belong To Christ, There Will Be A Further Desire & Quest To Live:
- A Life Of Humility!
  - 5:26 - "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another!"
    - If You Are A Christian – And Are:
      - Living In / By The Spirit:
        - Not Only Will You Want To:
          - Walk In The Spirit!
      - But You Will Also Strive To:
        - Weed Out The Works Of Your Old Flesh:
          - Some Of Which Are Mentioned In This Verse!
          - **IE:** Like Weeding A Garden! Requires Constant Attention!
      - But - Remember It All Flows From:
        - Your New Life In Jesus Christ!
          - What Do We Need To Weed Out?
  - Our Own Pride!
    - 5:26 - "Vain Glory!"
      - Can Also Be Translated - "Let Us Not Be Vain-Glorious!"
    - "Vain-Glory" Is An Interesting Word:
      - Because Even Within The Word Itself:
        - We Find The Reason For Us Not To Possess This Character Of Pride!
          - Because It Is "Vain" & Empty! Worthless & Useless!
    - And Yet - So Many Of The "Works Of Our Flesh":

- Flow From This Kind Of Attitude:
  - Don't They?
- And This Is Also Why We Need To Daily:
  - Pursue A Life Of Holiness By Walking In The Spirit:
    - Because Only His Fruit Can Transform Our Character Of Pride Into A Character Of Humility:
      - Like That Of Our Savior, Jesus Christ's!
- And When There Is This New Life Of Humility:
  - It Will Help Us To Avoid:
    - What We Find In The Rest Of 5:26:
      - "Provoking One Another!"
      - "Envyng One Another!"
  - As Proverbs 13:10 Tells Us:
    - "Only By Pride Cometh Contention!"
- Under The Power & Influence Of The Holy Spirit:
  - We Need To Continuously Weed Out:
    - Both The Fruit & The Root:
      - Of The "Works Of The Flesh!"
- Now - Do You See In Your Life:
  - This Desire For & Quest For:
    - A Life Of Holiness & A Life Of Humility?
      - "If We Live In The Spirit":
        - There Will Be!
    - A Desire For The Life Of Jesus Christ Himself:
      - To Grow In You!
        - His Holiness & His Humility:
          - Through The Fruit Of His Spirit!
  - So Now - Do Not Live:
    - For Your Own Glory:
      - After All - That Is Empty & Vain!
  - Instead - Live For:
    - The Glory Of God & The Praise Of His Name!
      - 2 Corinthians 10:17 - "But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord!"

\* The Second Gift Jesus Gives To Those Who Belong To Him Is:

**2. A New Law!**

- 6:1-2 - "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. / Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ!"
  - Now - Many Of The Galatians Were Wanting To:
    - Return To The Old Testament Way Of Thinking & Living:
      - According To The Law Of Moses!
        - The Focus Of Much Of That Law Was On The External – And To Restrain The Works Of The Flesh From The Outside!
  - But The Primary Purpose Of That Law:
    - Was To Point Us To Christ!
      - 3:24 - "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith!"
  - But When You Believe On Jesus Christ:
    - And Then Belong To Jesus Christ:
      - You Are Given A New Law:
        - The "Law Of Christ!"
          - Now - Just:
  - What Is The Law Of Christ?
    - In A Word - It Is A Law Of Love!
      - Points Back To 5:14 - "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself!"
    - And John 13:34 - "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have

- loved you, that ye also love one another!”
- This Shows That Christians Are Not Without A Law To Follow!
  - Not “Lawless!”
  - Instead - It Shows That The Source & Standard Of Our Law Is Jesus Christ Himself!
    - And His Love!
      - A Passionate Love For God & A Passionate Love For Others! But:
- Where Is The Law Of Christ?
  - Hebrews 10:16 - “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them!”
    - This Law Of Love Is Now In Your Heart & Mind!
      - Not Something From The Outside, But A Driving Force From The Inside – From The Spirit Of Christ Himself!
- And This Law Now Calls Every Christian To:
  - Show This Love! How?
    - Calls Us All:
- To Recognize Each Other!
  - As - 6:1 - “Brethren!”
    - We Obey & “Fulfill The Law Of Christ” By:
      - Remembering & Recognizing That We Are Brothers & Sisters In Christ!
        - We Need To Love Each Other:
          - As A Family!
        - And We Need To Live Together:
          - As A Family!
  - Paul Uses The Term “Brethren” 10 Times:
    - All Throughout Galatians!
      - To Show The Kind Of Tenderness & The Kind Of Treatment:
        - We Need To Have With Each Other!
    - Remember How Jesus Looked At His Own Disciples?
      - John 15:12-15 - “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. / Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. / Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. / Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends!”
  - The “Law Of Christ” Also Calls Us:
- To Restore Each Other!
  - When There Is A “Fault” & A Spiritual Failure!
    - 6:1 - “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted!”
      - There Will Be Times When We Need To Bring Our Brothers & Sisters In Christ:
        - Back To The Walk Of Faith & The Spirit!
          - Even As Paul Is Doing Here In His Letter!
        - And This Is A Display Of True, Christian Love!
  - When Are We To Restore Each Other?
    - “If A Man Be Overtaken In A Fault!”
      - This Does Not Mean That A Christian:
        - Has Stumbled Into Sin Unwittingly! “Overtaken **By** A Fault!”
    - Instead - This Describes When:
      - A Brother Sister In Christ:
        - Is Found Out To Be “**In** A Fault” & To Be In A Sin!
      - “Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out!” (Numbers 32:23)
  - We Know All Too Well That There Are:
    - Personal Sins:
      - That Are Known Only To Us & To God!
        - And We Do Need To Deal With Those Sins Personally!
          - And At Times “Confess Our Faults One To Another!”
    - But There Are Also Public Sins:
      - That Will Be Seen & Detected By Others:
        - And We Have A Responsibility As A Christian Family To Deal With Those “Faults!” But:

- Who Is To Restore?
  - “Ye Which Are Spiritual!”
    - Who Does This Describe?
      - Any & Every Christian Who Is Striving To “Walk In The Spirit!”
  - Not Primarily The Leaders & Teachers Of The Church:
    - But This Is To Be The Ministry Of Every Christian!
      - And This Is Another Reason Why We Need To *All* Be Walking In The Spirit!
    - We Need To Be Ready, Willing & Able To Help Each Other With Our Faults:
      - And When Those Old Works Of The Flesh Start To Manifest Themselves Again!
- How Are We To Restore Each Other?
  - “In The Spirit Of Meekness!
    - Isn’t This Part Of The Fruit Of The Spirit?
  - We Need To Help Each Other:
    - With The Grace & Gentleness:
      - That Jesus Himself Uses To Draw Us Back To Himself!
  - There Are Times We Will All Need To:
    - Put Ourselves “Out” For Each Other!
      - In Self-Lessness!
      - In Service!
      - And Even With Sacrifice!
  - We Restore Each Other:
    - By Following The Leading Of The Holy Spirit:
      - Walking According To His Word:
        - And Considering The Meekness Of Jesus Christ!
  - Even As Paul Did In:
    - 2 Corinthians 10:1 - “Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ!”
  - Remember The Meekness Of Jesus:
    - When He Was Restoring Peter:
      - To A Position Of Usefulness:
        - John 21:15 - “Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs!”
- Why Are We To Restore Each Other?
  - “Lest Thou Also Be Tempted!”
    - We Need To Remember That:
      - We All Have The Potential To Perform The “Works Of The Flesh!”
  - And So - We Need To Constantly Seek:
    - To Help Each Other In Our Spiritual Walk!
- This Is Part Of The “Law Of Christ” And:
  - Is One Way We Show Our Love:
    - For Him & For Each Other!
- The “Law Of Christ” Also Calls Us:
  - To Relieve Each Other!
    - 6:2 - “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ!”
      - As We All Know Too Well:
        - There Are Still Many “Burdens” That We Face In Our Christian Lives!
    - In 6:1 - There Was The Continuing Burden & Weight Of:
      - The Flesh & Of Sin!
        - But What Other “Burdens” Are There?
          - We Know About The Burdens We Are Struggling With & Stressing Over!
      - “Burdens” Is A General Term:
        - That Includes Anything That Is A Source Of Stress Or Concern For A Believer!
          - Spiritual / Physical / Mental / Financial / Etc!
        - All Of These “Burdens” Can Have An Impact On Your Christian Life!
          - And We Need To Help Each Other With These Burdens!
    - But - How Well Do You Know:
      - The “Burdens” That Your Own Brothers & Sisters:

- Are Facing & Feeling:
  - Within Your Own Church?
- You Can Only “Bear” Those Burdens:
  - When You Know About Those Burdens:
    - And Seek To Help With Those Burdens!
- So - We Need To Think:
  - “How Can I Help & Relieve” My Brother / Sister In Christ?
    - Certainly Prayer / Other Practical Ways?
      - Also - Need to Be Willing To Humbly Receive & Even Request This Kind Of Help!
- Doesn’t Jesus Relieve Us From Our Own Burdens?
  - 1 Peter 2:24 - “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed!”
- So - “Bearing One Another’s Burdens” Is Part Of The “Law Of Christ” And:
  - Is A Way For Us To Show Our Love:
    - For Him & For Each Other!

**Conclusion:**

1. When You Believe In Christ:
  - You Belong To Christ:
    - And He Gives You:
      - A New Life – A Life In Christ! And:
      - A New Law – The Law Of Christ!
  - Are You:
    - Following After Christ:
      - In Your Life?
  - And Are You:
    - Obeying & Fulfilling:
      - The Law Of Christ:
        - With The Fruit Of Christ-Like Love?
2. Let Us Remember:
  - That A Christian Is:
    - A New Creation!
  - And You Have Been Given:
    - A New Life & A New Law!
      - Let Us Live According To:
        - The Law Of Christ!

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