

**Ministry of The Holy Spirit**  
**Grace In Action**  
**Galatians 6:1-8**

Last time...walking in the Spirit, being led of the Spirit, and living in the Spirit

- Living based on who I am (in Christ) and what I know (Jesus crucified, risen)  
vs how I feel (emotions, flesh)
- Evidence of either Jesus working in my life (fruit of the Spirit)  
or me working in my life (works of the flesh)

This time...in Gal 6...what walking in the Spirit, being led of the Spirit, and living in the Spirit  
looks like in every day life, the Gospel of Grace in action

Mindful of

Gal 5:13-14

Gal 5:22-25

by abiding in Christ

what does Grace look like day-to-day?

1. Love...God's love (this week)
2. Perseverance...in following Jesus (next week)

v1-2 overtaken in a fault...restore...meekness...law of Christ...think himself:

**Love**

Brethren...the family of God

if a man...one of us, a brother/sister in Christ

be overtaken in a fault...

- trip and stumble in sin, an offence
- taken suddenly in sin...swept away by passions/emotions of the flesh
- having difficulty
  - seeing the offence
  - putting the flesh in subjection, being weak in the Spirit
  - being crushed by condemnation

ye who are spiritual...spiritually strong –

- walking in the Spirit of Grace (Heb 10:29)
- being led of the Spirit of Grace
- living in the Spirit of Grace

restore..."repair, adjust"

such a one in the spirit of meekness...with merciful gentleness and humility,  
loving and encouraging them by pointing them to Jesus, being Christ-like  
as you do so

Matt 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden  
(with the weight of sin) , and I will give you rest. Take my  
yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly  
in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my  
yoke is easy, and my burden is light

Rom 15:1-3 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the  
weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us  
please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification. For even  
Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The  
reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Eph 4:1-2 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye  
walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With  
all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing  
(supporting, upholding) one another in love

2 Cor 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto  
you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that  
ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto  
you. (restoration being the objective of 1 Cor 5)

2 Cor 10:1a Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and  
gentleness of Christ...

considering thyself lest thou also be tempted...taking stock in one's Self –  
sin nature, made of dust, merely a vapor in time, ever mindful of the  
Ch 5:16-17 conflict in your own life

Perhaps you will be the very next one to stumble in sin since no one is  
above falling in temptation;  
you may be the next “weak” in need of help from the strong

Matt 7:3-4 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's  
eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?  
Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the  
mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own  
eye?

Matt 5:7

Restore the sinner gently, with love and compassion.  
For I am also a sinner and would want to be so restored.

Bear ye one another's burdens...help each other lift and carry the weight of sin  
that so easily besets each of us

We are not in a competition, we are in a family!  
Yes, we are in a "race", but we are not competing with each other  
(self-righteousness), we are helping each other to follow Jesus  
every step of the way to the "finish line" (grace)

fulfill the law of Christ...John 3:16, John 13:34, John 14:15, John 15:12-13  
The Law of Love...living in the Spirit of Grace

Prov 17:9a     He that covereth a transgression seeketh love  
1 Peter 4:8     And above all things have fervent charity among  
                         yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins

Love is far more than an emotion, it is action  
Merciful help, kindness, gentleness..."grace" is very active

Putting this active love and grace into practice in our daily lives,  
What sins do we most clearly see?  
The sins of others  
Which of their sins do we most clearly see?  
The very ones we struggle with

Who is most qualified to help carry that load of a brother/sister?  
And who is the least qualified to judge the brother or sister?

So when a brother or sister in Christ slips and falls into sin, they need help  
The world: Dog pile on the rabbit  
Satan: kick and condemn, try to destroy  
But we have not so learned Christ

A. If you are spiritually strong, humble yourself and help (aka mercy) with a  
gracious heart and as much grace as you have received from the God who  
is gracious

Micah 7:18-19     Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and  
                         passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage?  
                         he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in*  
                         mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon  
                         us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their  
                         sins into the depths of the sea

Be a part of what God delights to do – compassionate help and forgiveness

B. If you are fallen into a sin, humble yourself, cry out for help, and receive with thanksgiving the help the Lord brings to you

Humility is required to see we need help  
Humility is required to ask for help  
Humility is required to receive the help

In the Church, those “in Christ” love each other, help each other;  
2 humble servants and the humble Lord...a thing of beauty!  
But also in the Church, the holier-than-thou self-righteous condemn others;  
Time for some Humble pie!

v3-5 think himself to be something...prove his own work:  
Spoken to the self-righteous in whom grace has failed

If someone in the family of God is

- full of himself
- bursting with self-confidence and self-esteem (carnal)
- proud, puffed up
- self-righteous, holier-than-thou
- loving Self more than loving God and loving others

when he is nothing...Reality Check:

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly

Ps 8:3-4 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Ps 103:15-16 *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth, For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

All people, small and great (in comparison to each other), are just common clay in the hands of the The Almighty Potter (in comparison to God)

he deceives himself...self-deception is the most powerful form of deception

Pride blinds the ability to see that we need help  
Pride binds so we don't ask for help (including "withholding" prayer)  
Pride grinds because it offers no help

But let every man prove his own work...let the self-righteous put his life on display to be tested/examined by God and man

Not comparing himself with others (flawed) but comparing himself with Jesus Christ (Perfection)

The life, the work: Is it his (Ch 5:19-21) or is it Jesus' (Ch 5:22-23)?

Q: What is the "proof" of Jesus' work?

Love

Then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another...when that person's stand-alone life (apart from the indwelling Spirit of Christ) is a perfect match/comparison to Jesus Christ's life, then and only then can he boast

**1 Cor 1:26-31**

The self-righteous are Self-loving and blinded by pride  
But with the Truth comes clarity – Rom 3:10, 23 and Is 6:5

There is no room for boasting of Self in the Body of Christ  
There is no room for self-righteousness in the family of God

Nothing is more beautiful in the eyes of our Father than humility...  
Christ-likeness, which not our work (Ch 5:19-21)  
but Jesus' work (Ch 5:22-23)

For every man shall bear his own burden...we are all sinners who fall short of the glory/perfection of God

We must take personal responsibility for our own shortcomings/sin,  
and not be taking inventory of the sins of others  
We are unable to bear the burden of Perfection, we have enough of our own issues to be critical of someone else's

Rom 14:4      Who art thou that judgest another man's servant?  
to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he  
shall be holden up: for God is able to make him  
stand

We carry our own burden/“freight”...but sometimes (most or all times)  
we need help because we are so weak at times  
In those times, the spiritually strong, living in the Spirit of Grace, help the  
spiritually weak, relieving the weight by giving the love and grace  
of God they have received

Now, shifting gears...

v6 him that is taught...communicate:

Matt 10:10b *the workman is worthy of his meat.*

1 Cor 9:7-14

Those that teach love by teaching the Word of God  
Those that so learn the Word of God love by sharing of the good things with  
which God has blessed them

Everything we have has come from God, Who gives liberally (generously)  
We are stewards of God's things and are to use them for the furtherance of  
His kingdom

1 Cor 4:2  
Matt 10:8b

v7-8 sow...reap:

We must be ever-mindful of a universal rule established by the God of order  
Who changes not: Sowing and reaping

1. we will reap what we sow
2. we will reap later than we sow
3. we will reap more than we sow

Every day, all day, we are making “investment decisions”  
Are we being wise in measuring the “ROI”?

In the realm of the conflicting natures (Gal 5:16-17) in our hearts...  
Sowing to the flesh...Gal 5:19-21...will reap corruption, spiritual ruin  
Sowing to the Spirit...Gal 5:22-23...will reap life everlasting

The wise man considers the end of the matter – what will be reaped should  
dictate what is sown!

1 Cor 3:16-23  
Matt 16:24-25

following v9-15

Do you want grace and forgiveness?  
Give grace and forgiveness...freely!  
Do you want mercy/help?  
Give mercy/help...freely!  
Do you want gentleness and meekness in your correction/adjustment?  
Give gentleness and meekness...freely!

Think...with a sound mind, the mind of Christ  
Think...ahead to eternity  
I am encouraging my brother Richard to do just that, even if I get  
played as a fool  
The Holy Spirit is needed to soften his heart

Sowing and reaping is true for people...a universal truth

True for Corporations?  
Rainbow flags for "Pride Month" (sin on full display, war on the image of  
God, and corporations gratuitously bowing to it with flags  
alongside USA and State flags)  
Authoritarian "health care" – get the shot or get shot  
Mandates by Fed Gov't likely not stand – religious objections  
But the Supreme Court ruling NOT apply to mandates by private  
companies; Corporations are doing the Govt's business

True for nations?  
\$1.2 B "Infrastructure Bill" and the Hyde Amendment  
Passed by the House  
Passed the Senate 60 vote filibuster, ending debate  
Now goes before Senate for final vote, perhaps today

Getting back to the children of God...  
Our lives are to be testimonies of Grace and Love in action

### **Take-away:**

Relationships cannot survive without humility and grace  
Which is precisely why the Gospel of Grace is constantly under attack, from both without  
and within the Church

Humility and grace are to govern all of our relationships...with God and man,  
whether believer or unbeliever

How?  
Walking in, being led by, living in the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Grace

How sweet is the Holy Spirit!  
How sweet is God's love and grace!

Grow in Grace!  
Never compromise the Gospel of Grace

Be gracious to a fault  
Err on the side of Grace!

Nationally, why is everything broken, why are we engulfed in such madness?  
Because Jesus Christ is not Lord

Liberty in Christ is always under attack  
Now, in a Gov't devoid of Christ, Liberty is under attack

What is the answer?  
Jesus Christ

What can we do, how do we live in a "free society" that is increasingly Authoritarian?  
Make Jesus Christ known, both verbally and visually – being Christ-like in the  
sharing of God's love and grace

Remember, the Church started and prospered under the reign of the Roman Empire!  
Caligula, Claudius, Nero

We are citizens of heaven  
As such, walk by faith, walk in the Spirit  
Be Spirit-led, not be fear-driven

If you want hands laid on you in prayer, come forward