

# **“Be The Church!”**

## **Galatians 6:1-10**

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### *What is the church?*

- Is it a place we come to get free baby-sitting?
- Is it a place we find political allies?
- Is it a place we can expand our business?
- Is it a place we can find a good wife/husband?
- Is it a place we just come and hang out with friends?
- Do you come to church for what you get out of it?

Some facts about the church.

#### *1. It was purchased with the very blood of Jesus!*

- a. **Acts 20:28** “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”
- b. **Ephesians 5:25** “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.”

#### *2. It is a place where doctrine is taught, God is worshipped, believers fellowship and unbelievers are born-again!*

- a. **Acts 2:46-47** “<sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

#### *3. It is the pillar and ground of truth!*

- a. **1 Timothy 3:15** “*I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

#### *4. It is a place of order where spiritual gifts are exercised!*

- a. **1 Corinthians 12:27-28** “<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. <sup>29</sup> *Are all apostles? Are all*

prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.”

5. *It is to be advancing truth to the very gates of hell!*

- a. **Matthew 16:18** “...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

But the church is made of people! It's made up by you!  
So, what's your role?

**Be the Church!**

**...In Restoration**

**Galatians 6:1** “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

**Galatians 6:1** “...if anyone is caught in any transgression” ESV

- *Overtaken* – Caught in the act by being off guard.
  - Pre-meditated sin would be the opposite of this.
- *Trespass* – A fall, a false step, a blunder, a lapse from uprightness, a sin, a moral trespass, misdeed.
- *Restore* – In the Greek it was used of a dislocated limb being put back into place, or mending fishing nets.
  - What's the first thing you do when you find out your friend sinned?
    - Do you want to shout their sin from the rooftop?
    - Do you seek to help them get out of it?
      - I believe that this will reveal your heart and show you if you are legalistic or not.
        - **Proverbs 10:12** “Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.”
        - **Proverbs 17:9** “He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends.”
  - Love will seek to restore a brother, understanding that we are all a decision away from sin.
  - The legalist will look down their nose at the sinner and think they themselves are beyond sinning.
  - *Restoration in a spirit of gentleness.*
    - Have you ever had a broken bone? Would you want the doctor carelessly throwing your arm around?
    - Be gentle to the brother/sister in error, and consider you yourself are capable of the same sin.

- **1 Corinthians 10:12** “let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”

## ...In Support

**Galatians 6:2** “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

- *Burden* – Heavy Burden
  - In 6:5 “*Burden*” means “*a soldiers pack*”
    - To bear one another’s burdens means that we come alongside them in a time of need and help them.
      - **James 2:15-16** “<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it profit?*”
- People who are legalistic or self-focused have no interest in serving others. Maybe learning the Bible, going to Bible studies, or hanging out with friends are more important than serving others.
  - **Matthew 23:4-5** “<sup>4</sup> For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay *them on men’s shoulders*; but they *themselves* will not move them with *one of their fingers*. <sup>5</sup> But all their works they do to be seen by men.”
    - **They don’t help lighten others loads, they make them heavier!**

*How many Bible studies do you attend vs. how much you serve others?*

**James 1:22** “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

- People that are servants are others minded.
  - **Philippians 2:3-4** “<sup>3</sup> Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also, for the interests of others.”
  - **Acts 20:35** “<sup>35</sup> I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*’ ”
  - **Romans 15:1-2** “<sup>1</sup> We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification.”
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:14-15** “<sup>14</sup> Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. <sup>15</sup> See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.”

- **Romans 12:10-13** “<sup>10</sup> *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.”

### ...In Humility

**Galatians 6:3** “<sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. <sup>5</sup> For each one shall bear his own load.”

- We aren't in competition with one another.
- **Hebrews 12:1-2** “<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith...”
- **Ephesians 4:1-3** “<sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”
- **Colossians 3:12-13** “<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.”
- **1 Peter 5:5** “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility”

### ...in Support

**Galatians 6:6** “Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.”

- **Good** – possessions that provide material things.
  - **Romans 15:27** “It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For If the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.”
  - **1 Corinthians 9:11-12** “<sup>11</sup> If we have sown spiritual things for you, *is it a* great thing if we reap your material things? <sup>12</sup> If others are partakers of *this* right over you, *are we not even more?*”
  - **1 Corinthians 9:14** “Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.”
    - **Matthew 10:10** “...a worker is worthy of his food.”

- **1 Timothy 5:17-18** “<sup>17</sup> Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. <sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, “*You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,*” and, “The laborer *is* worthy of his wages.”

### ...in Desire

**Galatians 6:7-8** “<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

- *Deceived* – to wander off the path
- *Mocked* – to turn up your nose
- *Sows* – to scatter seed over tilled ground
- *Reap* – to gather bundles of a harvest
  - The Sower decides what the harvest will be.
    - It’s been said
- Don’t be deceived! What you’re doing today, WILL affect you tomorrow!

### *What it takes to follow Jesus.*

- It all really boils down to a choice,
  - What am I going to do with my time, money, and resources?
    - Will I serve myself with them?
    - Will I serve God with them?

### ...in Motivation

**Galatians 6:9-10** “<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

- *Grow Weary* – to lose motivation, to accomplish some valid goal, to become discouraged, to lose heart, to give up.
  - It describes a time when the work is hard and painful, but also unfinished and unrewarded.
- **2 Timothy 2:1-7** “<sup>1</sup> You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. <sup>5</sup> And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.”

• **2 Timothy 4:7-8** “<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

- Keep your eyes on the finish line because it's not how you start a race that matters, but how you finish!

*“Years ago, the Salvation Army was holding an international convention and their founder, Gen. William Booth, could not attend because of physical weakness. He cabled his convention message to them. It was one word: "OTHERS.”*

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**Philippians 2:3** “*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*”

**Matthew 6:19-21** “<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**John 13:34-35** “<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Romans 13:8-10** “<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “*You shall not commit adultery,*” “*You shall not murder,*” “*You shall not steal,*” “*You shall not bear false witness,*” “*You shall not covet,*” and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.”

**Galatians 5:13-14** “through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”

**1 Peter 4:8** “...have fervent love for one another, for “*love will cover a multitude of sins.*”

*“Unamuno, the Spanish philosopher, tells about the Roman aqueduct at Segovia, in his native Spain. It was built in 109 A.D. For eighteen hundred years, it carried cool water from the mountains to the hot and thirsty city. Nearly sixty generations of men drank from its flow. Then came another generation, a recent one, who said, "This aqueduct is so*

*great a marvel that it ought to be preserved for our children, as a museum piece. We shall relieve it of its centuries-long labor."*

*They did; they laid modern iron pipes. They gave the ancient bricks and mortar a reverent rest. And the aqueduct began to fall apart. The sun beating on the dry mortar caused it to crumble. The bricks and stone sagged and threatened to fall. What ages of service could not destroy idleness disintegrated."*

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