



Bible Study 11a
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“You Cannot ‘Love Jesus’ and Ignore People”

Bible Study Lesson: “Living Out the Law of Christ”
Galatians 6:1–10

Background & Context

Galatians is Paul’s letter to churches struggling with legalism and confusion about the gospel. In chapter 6, Paul shifts toward practical instruction, how believers should live out their faith in community. Instead of following a law of rules, we follow the “law of Christ,” which is love expressed through the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 6:1–10 (ESV)

- Restore a fallen brother or sister gently (v.1).
- Bear one another’s burdens (v.2).
- Examine yourself; do not compare (vv.3–5).
- Support those who teach the Word (v.6).
- Do not be deceived—you reap what you sow (vv.7–8).
- Do good without getting weary (vv.9–10).

A. Restoring the Fallen (v.1)

Paul instructs:

- When someone is caught in a trespass, the spiritual response is not condemnation but restoration.
- Restoration must be gentle, not harsh, or judgmental.
- We approach others with humility, mindful that we too are capable of falling.

Takeaway: The church is meant to be a hospital for the broken, not a courtroom for the condemned.

B. Bearing Burdens (v.2)

Carry each other’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- Burdens = weights too heavy to carry alone (sin struggles, grief, fear, financial hardship, spiritual weakness).
- Fulfilling the “law of Christ” means living out love (see John 13:34).

Takeaway: Christlike community is marked by compassion and shared weight.



C. Personal Responsibility (vv.3–5)

At first Paul says to bear each other's burdens, then later says each person must carry their own load.

- A "burden" (Greek: baros) = heavy weight.
- A "load" (Greek) personal, daily responsibilities.

Paul is saying: Help others when the weight is too heavy—but still own your personal walk with God.

Takeaway: Healthy Christian life balances shared fellowship and personal responsibility.

D. Sowing and Reaping (vv.7–8)

This is a spiritual law: you plant seeds, and you harvest the consequences.

- Sowing to the flesh → decay, emptiness.
- Sowing to the Spirit → life, growth, eternal reward.

Takeaway: Daily choices shape spiritual results. What we feed grows.

E. Persevering in Doing Good (vv.9–10)

Paul encourages: Do not give up.

- Good works may seem unnoticed or unrewarded.
- In God's timing, harvest will come.
- Therefore, do good to all — especially the family of faith.

Takeaway: Kingdom work is long work. Do not quit before the harvest.

Discussion Questions

1. What does "gentle restoration" look like in real life?
2. Why is it easier to judge someone than to restore them?
3. What burdens do people in your community carry that often go unseen?
4. How can your group or church actively fulfill the "law of Christ"?
5. How do we balance helping others without enabling irresponsible behavior?
6. What "seeds" are you currently planting in your spiritual life?
7. Have you experienced the principle of sowing and reaping before?
8. What causes you to become weary in doing good?
9. What promises in this passage motivate you not to give up?