

## Bearing One Another's Burdens

### 1. Introduction:

- A. In the last days most people's love will grow cold, so helping other Believers will be less and less important. Matt 24:12-13
- B. This can come from a "me-first" attitude which is an outward growth of lukewarm Christians in the "Last Days." Rev 3:15-17
- C. In the "Last Days" people will become more critical of one another and which contributes to the fact that spiritual love will almost disappear. Jas 5:7-10
- D. As the world goes from bad to worse in the "Last Days" sin will become not just rampant but acceptable. 2 Tim 3:12-14 cf 3:1-11
- E. This indicates that the freedom received in Christ will be used as an opportunity for the flesh rather than an opportunity to serve others. Gal 5:1; 13-15
  
- F. Principles that were taught early in the Church Age will be neglected and almost forgotten. Gal 6:1-5

### Gal 6:1 = Restoring One Who Has Abused Freedom.

C.T. = Brethren, even if a man (ANTHRWPOS) is caught (EAN + PROLAMBANW) in any trespass (EN + TIS + PARAPTWMA), you who are spiritual (PNEUMATIKOS), restore (KATARTIDZW) such a one in a spirit of selflessness (PRAUT8S); each one looking (SKOPEW) to yourself, lest you too may be tempted (PEIRADZW).

### Summary:

- 1. In view is a person who has taken a false step, made a blunder, and fallen.
  - a. We are clearly called to forgive those who have transgressed. Matt 6:14-15; Mark 11:25
  - b. We are called to forgive them because Christ paid their debt for sin. Rom 4:25
  - c. Transgressions can deeply affect many people. Rom 5:15
  - d. Where there is transgression, there is grace. Rom 5:16-21
  - e. The reconciliation of the world to God through Christ, was so that our transgressions may not have an eternal cost. 2 Cor 5:19
  - f. The payment for our trespasses was Christ's \_\_\_\_\_. Eph 1:7
  - g. Our trespasses rendered us \_\_\_\_\_ dead. Eph 2:1
  - h. God's grace made us alive by faith when we were \_\_\_\_\_ in our trespasses. Eph 2:5; Col 2:13

2. The first requirement of helping someone is that you yourself be \_\_\_\_\_, which in this context indicates a walk of faith (3:1-5), winning the battle with the flesh (5:16-17) and production of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (5:22-23).
- a. Spirituality is needed to properly \_\_\_\_\_ the matter. 1 Cor 2:15
  - b. Spirituality is the \_\_\_\_\_ of restoration. 1 Cor 3:1
  - c. Spirituality must accept Scripture as \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor 14:36-37
  - d. None of us are yet in our spiritual body, so while we are seeking to help others we must realize this \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor 15:44-46
  - e. Our desire should be to see all of the Body of Christ as functioning parts of the spiritual house of the \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Pet 2:5
  - f. The caretaker should desire to see the \_\_\_\_\_ of spirituality back in the life of the trespasser. Eph 5:19; Col 3:16
  - g. Our prayers should be for the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of others. Col 1:9
  - h. Our struggle is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle and is not really against people. Eph 6:12