Walk The Walk Galatians 6: 1-10 Pastor Allen Boutte

Introduction

We are commanded to have agape love for others because we are brethren. We are commanded to help our brethren if they have fallen. God's love and power is to unconditionally seek others' highest good, with no bias or prejudice attached. It is not how we feel but how we allow the Word of God to drive our Spirit to align with God's purpose in our lives and what He is doing. Now, Paul reveals a list. This explains what those in Christ should expect to see flowing from their lives when they allow the Holy Spirit to guide them. It is called the fruit of the Spirit. It's valuable to understand that this is meant to imply a single fruit—the Greek term is singular. This is not a list of nine independent fruits but nine characteristics of the (single) fruit of the Spirit. In Christ, we should expect to see all these characteristics showing up together as we give God's Spirit full control. They come in no sequence or sort or timeline.

I. Galatians Final Instruction To Follow

A. The principle of sharing and caring (vs. 1-5)

- 1. Brethren (vs1)
- 2. The believers who are caught
- 3. Believers who are Spiritual
 - a. Walking in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16)
 - b. Filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18-20)
 - c. Evidence of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
- 4. Restore (Heb. 12:12-13 Rom. 15:1)
 - a. Restoration process (Matt. 18:15-20)
 - b. Watch Observing continual diligent attentiveness

- 5. Spiritual Believers are to gently restore fallen believers to fellowship (vs. 3-5)
 - a. Anyone confident can fall, so don't be deceived.
 - b. Test to be approved after testing (IS your life right)(vs. 4)

B. The principle of receiving and giving (v. 6)

1. All good thing (Romans 10:15)

C. The principle of sowing and reaping (vs. 7-10)

- 1. Those who sow only sinful desires will reap everlasting death. (vs. 7-8a)
 - a. Power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 1:18)
- 2. Those who sow what is good will reap everlasting life. (vs. 8b -10)
 - a. Our love for other believers is our test for God (John 13:34-35;1 John 4:21)

Conclusion

Matthew 16:24-26 - Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 22:27-30 - Then ³⁰ and you shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.