1 – **LET US NOT LOSE HEART IN DOING GOOD**Galatians Chapters 5 & 6

2 – **Context of Galatians 5 & 6**

**Warnings of *“different gospel”*. (1:6-9; 2:5; 4:17)**

**Warnings of returning to Judaism (2:9-11) and being “*severed from Christ*” (5:2-4)**

**“*Sons of God through faith… baptized in Christ*…” (3:26-27)**

3 - **Contrast Of Walking By The Flesh & Walking By The Spirit**

**The flesh and Spirit** are in “***opposition to one another****, so that you* ***may not do the things that you please***.” (5:16)

**The battle within us.** (Romans 7:19; cf., 2 Cor. 10:3-5)

**Which are we obeying?** (Romans 6:12-16)

Two different people characterized by... (5:19-25)

1. ***“The deeds of the flesh…”***
2. ***“The fruit of the Spirit…”***

4 – **WHO ARE THE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE?**

1. ***“You who are spiritual…”*** (those walking according to the Spirit and bearing the fruit of the Spirit)
* All who are led by the Spirit and following faithfully with a spiritual mindset.
1. ***“Anyone (who) is caught in any trespass…”*** (those engaged in the deeds of the flesh)
* Caught unawares… lapse from uprightness, whether by neglect, weakness or deception.
* Note what follows regarding the seriousness of this.

5 - **WHAT ARE THE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN?**

***“Restore such a one in spirit of gentleness”***

* + Mending nets to original condition. (Matthew 4:21
	+ (cf., 2 Corinthians 2; 2 Thessalonians 3:15; Hebrew 12:12-13)

***“Bear one another’s burdens…”*** (Romans 15:1)

* + To lift up and support. Carry the load pressing on someone. (Acts 21:35)
	+ “Looking to yourself… Examine his own work…”
	+ (Romans 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 10:12)

6 - **BURDENS TO SHARE & TO BEAR**

***6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens…”***

* A difficulty, anything causing a fellow Christian to fall beneath the weight… (Hebrews 12:1, 12-13)
* Do all we can to help one another run our race…

***6:5, “…bear his own load (burden)”***

* A responsibility, ultimately, we all are individually responsible.

7 - **“*SHARE ALL GOOD THINGS*…” (vs. 6)**

**Who is *“the one who is taught the word…”?***

* The one walking according to the flesh who needed to be *“****restored****”.*

**Who is *“the one who teaches him…”?***

* **T**he one walking according to the spirit who sought to *“****restore****”* his brother.

8 – **“*SHARE ALL GOOD THINGS*…” (vs. 6)**

What is to be done?

* “***Share all good things***”
	+ “Share” is the Greek word “koinoneo” which is often translated “fellowship”, “participate” or “sharing”.
	(Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 1:9; Philippians 1:5; 1 John 1:3-7)
* In this context, what is the one taught and restored to **participate or share** in with the one who taught them?
* What are the ***“all good things…”***?

9 - **“*SHARE ALL GOOD THINGS*…” (vs. 6)**

* What are the *“all* ***good things”***?
* “***Good”*** - upright, honorable, useful.
* In the context, **fleshly or spiritual**?
* Not a question that as Christians, we are to do “***good***” in regards to the necessities of this life. (Matt. 25:31ff; Luke 10:30ff) (Not what this text is teaching!)
* The **greatest “good”** is the salvation of our souls!
* How can we have **fellowship** in such ***“good things*”**?

10 - **SOWING & REAPING (vs. 7-8)**

* Emphasizing the **contrast** between walking according to the **flesh** and the **Spirit**.
* Easy to be deceived… we are “***mocking***” God when we think we can live carnally and expect to reap spiritually. (1 Cor. 6:9; 15:33; James 1:16)
* Vs. 8 - Sow to the flesh, ***“reap corruption”.*** (2 Peter 1:4). Sow to the Spirit, ***“reap eternal life”.*** (John 6:63, 68)

11 - **SOWING & REAPING (vs. 7**)

* How is it that we **sow** either to the **flesh** or the **Spirit**? (Matthew 6:19-20) Understand the seed principle?
* **What specifically** should we do or not do?
* **Where does it begin**? (Philippians 3:19; Romans 8:5-8; Colossians 3:1-2; Ephesians 2:3)
* **Sowing is working and laboring**… living.
(1 Cor. 15:58; John 6:27)

12 – **THE CHALLENGES OF SOWING (vs. 9)**

* Taking a spiritual message to those living according to the flesh can be discouraging!
	+ **Don’t grow weary of worship, bible study or prayer**. (Malachi 1:13; Isaiah 43:22; Amos 8:5)
* “***Do not lose heart!***” - “***Do not grow weary***”. How?
(2 Corinthians 4:1, 16; Ephesians 3:13ff; Isaiah 40:29-31; Hebrews 12:3)
* **Focus on what we hope to reap!** (Heb. 10:35; 11:26)

13 - **THE URGENCY OF SOWING (vs. 10)**

* When ought we **“do good”** in terms of restoring the lost**?**
* As soon as **“*we have opportunity*…” (Colossians 4:5)**
* **We might not have another chance to teach, to restore,** to warn, to encourage! (Ezekiel 33:1-6;
Matthew 5:23-24; Hebrews 3:12)

14 - **THE INVITATION TO BE RESTORED**

* We can’t be restored if we’ve never been saved…
* “***Unless you… believe that I AM He***…” (John 8:24
* “***Unless you… repent***…” (Luke 13:3-5)
* Only “***if you confess***” His name. (Romans 10:9)
* If you will be baptized… (Acts 2:38)
* “***Unless you continue to abide in Him***” and walk according to the Spirit. (John 15:4)