

# sermon notes

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January 22, 2025 | "My Brother's Keeper" | **Galatians 6:1–5**

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## ***How can we build a "one-another culture" in the church?***

1) \_\_\_\_\_ – A healthy church is accountable to one another (6:1)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ – A healthy church shows mutual care for one another (6:2–3)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ – A healthy church does not enable one another (6:4–5)

## **Questions for further application of God's Word:**

### **GO DEEPER**

Read Galatians 6:1. What do you think Paul is referring to here with his statement about "transgression?" List some transgressions that require restoration. What does restoring someone "in a spirit of gentleness" look like? Give some examples of attempts at restoration without gentleness. Paul states, "Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted." What temptations might be in play for someone who doesn't restore gently?

Read Galatians 6:2–5. According to 1:2, Paul is writing this letter to a group of churches in Galatia. Why is that context important for applying these verses? What does Paul expect of a church community? How do churches "bear one another's burdens?" Give some examples of how you've seen that done in your own life.

### **GET PERSONAL**

What does Paul mean when he says, "If anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself" (6:3)? How should we think of ourselves as Christians? Where is our identity found? How can humility be combined with confidence in who Christ made us to be?

Have you ever confronted another person because of his or her sinful behavior? How did it go? Would you do that again? How do you know when to intervene and when to let others address the matter?

The Christian church is meant to be a family that takes care of one another. But it is also invasive. There's no such thing as a user-friendly church. Are you open to others confronting you in your sinfulness? Are you willing to let others bear your burdens? Are you willing to bear other people's burdens? How do you need to grow in order to align your attitude and actions with God's Word?

### **ADVANCED QUESTIONS**

What is the "law of Christ" in 6:2? Is this different from the law that Paul has referenced throughout the book? Why would Paul say "the law of Christ" instead of "the grace of Christ?"

Paul says, "Bear one another's burdens" in 6:2, but also "Each will have to bear his own load" in 6:5. How do we reconcile those statements? How are these two statements part of Paul's overarching argument in this text?