

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-5

**I. Make sure you are _____
according to the Spirit. Gal. 6:1; Galatians 5:22–23; Psalm 139:23–24**

1. Walk in God produced love. 1 John 4:7–11.

**2. Rely on the faithfulness of God to restore the fallen brother.
Lamentations 3:19-23; 1 John 1:8–2:2**

3.. I must be sure I have crucified the flesh. Galatians 5:24

**II. There are some burdens that we _____
_____ with other believers.**

**III. Beware of _____ (3)
2 Corinthians 10:11–12; Luke 18 (9-12) Romans 3:9-12**

**IV. We need to realize that God _____ to
work for him. (4-5); Romans 12:3; 2 Corinthians 3:2-5**

Thought for the day

At the end of Galatians 5 we are told God in the person of the Holy Spirit will produce fruit in us. These fruits will be like character traits.

Galatians 5:22–23 ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Today we are considering bearing one another's burdens. The key word is restoring. God wants us to assist our brothers to return to fellowship with God so they can get God's best. Jesus stressed the importance by telling us to love one another. Dr. Epps writes concerning this love: *It describes a new quality of love, a new attitude toward others and is born only within the Christian. It is impossible to have this love without the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is not a love any man can produce in Himself.* This indicates the Spirit must be in control in our relationship with others. Looking at our country today we do not see love being the driving force. Instead we see hatred, anger and division. It is because the love taught is that we are to love those who think like we do. God wants us to express "agape" love toward each other. Life in this world is difficult and we need each other. Walking in the Spirit mean bearing one another's burdens and supplying the gifts' God has given each of us to use for His glory and His plan. One of the greatest burdens caused by this pandemic is the separation of God's people at a time when we need each other the most. Prayer, reaching out in love to folks who are shut in, and seeking to learn about Jesus while we separated helps us surrender control to the Spirit who will produce the love in us that the church needs and then we can make a difference in a world that has no idea of the love God can produce in them. **Pastor Bruce**