

Recap

- **Message of ch1-4:** we are justified (declared righteous by God) through faith in Jesus
- **Implication of that message (ch5)** – we are to live freely as God’s adopted children
- **Beware of becoming slaves** - to the law (legalism) or to sin (antinomianism)
- **Life of freedom is enabled by the Holy Spirit** – to live by/be led by/keep in step with the Spirit
- **Life of freedom is marked by the fruit of the Spirit** – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control



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Trouble in the Church

- **Gal 5.15** - If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.
- **Gal 5.26** - Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.
- **Conceited**- to think too highly of yourself and to base that opinion on things that don't matter or aren't real
- **Provoking**- to challenge someone to a contest; idea is we are so sure of our superiority we want to demonstrate it to others
- **Envy**ing – to be jealous of another's gifts/accomplishments




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Responding to those in Need

- **Restore those caught in sin** –
- **Caught in sin** – overtaken; pic is not a willful disobedience but being taken by surprise
- **Restore** – get back to an original condition
- **Gently** – spiritual mature have power and use that power under the control of compassion/love to ‘pull the struggling out of the pit’
- **Carry burdens of the ‘weighed down’** -
- **Burden** – heavy weight
- **Law of Christ** – love each other as I’ve loved you (John 13.34)



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Be Careful When Helping Others

- **When helping those caught in sin**
 - **Watch yourselves or you may also be tempted** – either to very sin you are helping the other overcome or to self-righteousness, pride
- **When helping those who are burdened**
 - **Each one should test their own actions** – determine the quality of your own conduct
 - **Take pride in themselves** - opinion of yourself should be based on reality of what God is doing in you
 - **Each person must carry their own load** – each accountable to God for how we live

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We Reap What We Sow

Always true in light of eternity

- Sow a thought, reap an action; Sow an action, reap a habit; Sow a habit, reap a character; Sow a character, reap a destiny

Less often true in this life

- Don't grow weary in sowing good
 - **Ps 73.2-3:** But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
 - **Weary** - to lose one's motivation in continuing a desirable pattern of activity
- **Proper time** – *kairos* moment; appropriate time when circumstances are right



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A burden to share or a load to carry?

Load – responsibility

- **Parable of talents** – gifts God has given you to steward
- **Burden** – that which weighs you down as you follow Jesus
- Weaknesses/vulnerabilities
- Pain - including grief
- Frustration, disappointment, confusion

- **How to carry another's burden**
- Pray
- Listen
- Encourage
- Advise sparingly



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What Are You Sowing?

- **Look at your habits** – they are forming you into a certain type of person
- **Repentance breaks cycle of sowing/reaping** – you can start fresh today
- **Start with the end in mind** – what type of person do you want to become?
 - Christ-likeness
 - Fruit of the Spirit
- **What action you could undertake that would result in desired habit?**

