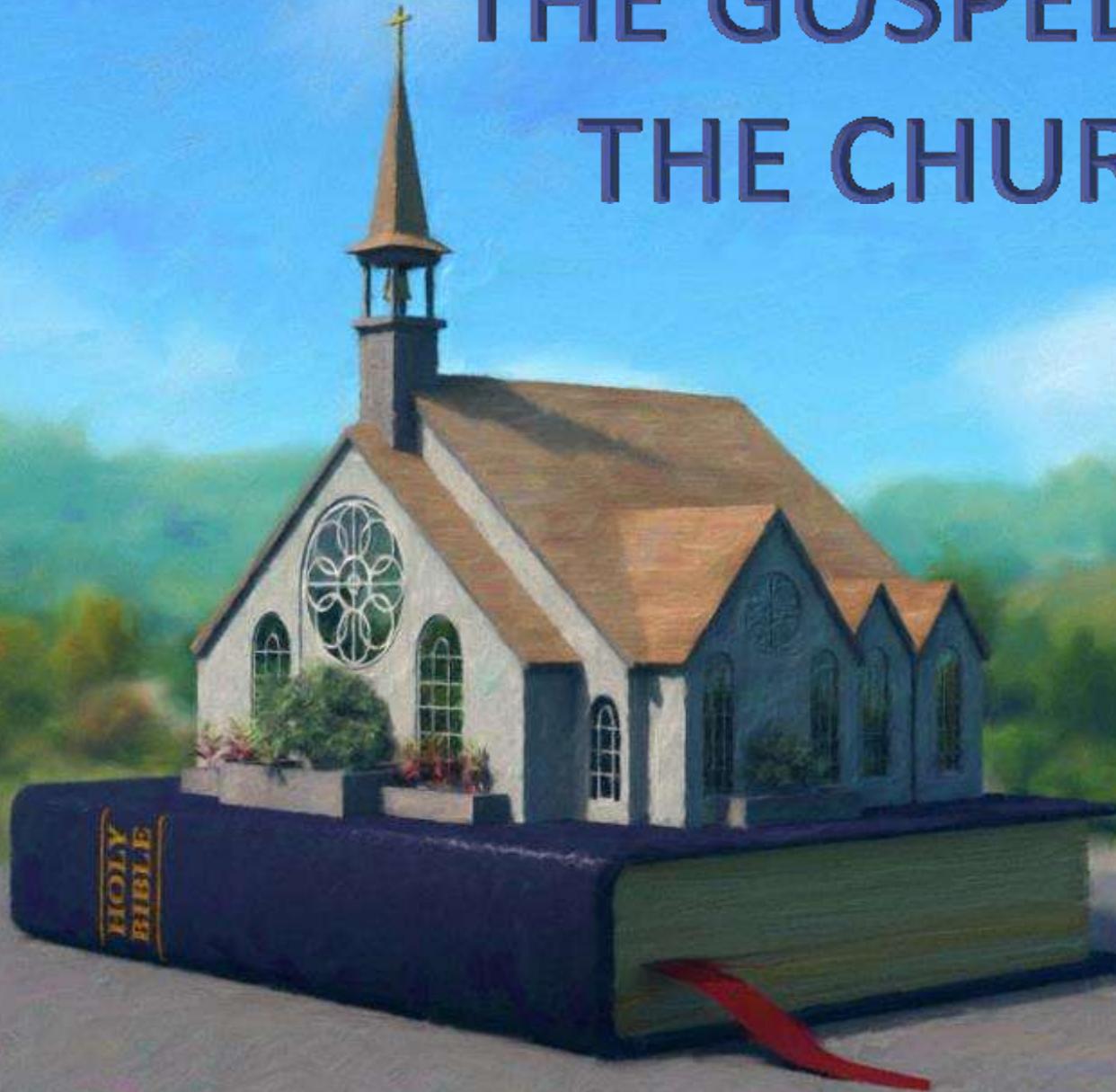
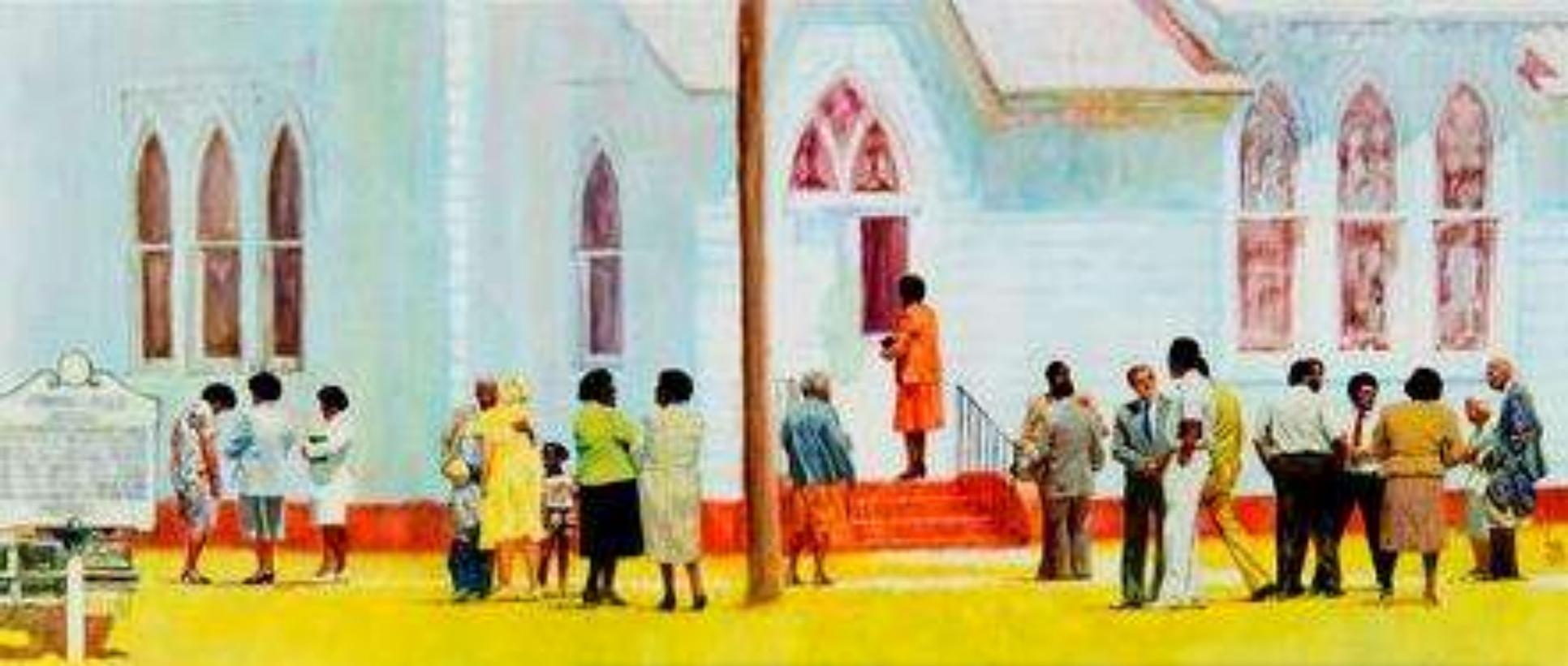


# THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH





**Galatians 6:1-10 contains some advice on how Christian believers should treat other fellow believers.**

- ❖ **Restoring the fallen. Galatians 6:1a.**
- ❖ **Beware of temptation. Galatians 6:1b.**
- ❖ **Helping to bear others' burdens. Galatians 6:2a.**
- ❖ **Fulfilling the Law of Christ. Galatians 6:2b.**
- ❖ **Bearing our own load. Galatians 6:5.**
- ❖ **Sowing and reaping. Galatians 6:7-8.**
- ❖ **Doing good to others. Galatians 6:9-10.**

# RESTORING THE FALLEN

**“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness...” (Galatians 6:1a)**

**We expect believers to be perfect (Galatians 5:16; Matthew 5:48), but believers sometimes fail and people may catch us failing too.**



**We’re not talking about a challenging sin or a deliberate rebellion, but a mistake or a slip.**

**What did Jesus teach about restoring our brothers and sisters? Matthew 18:15-17.**

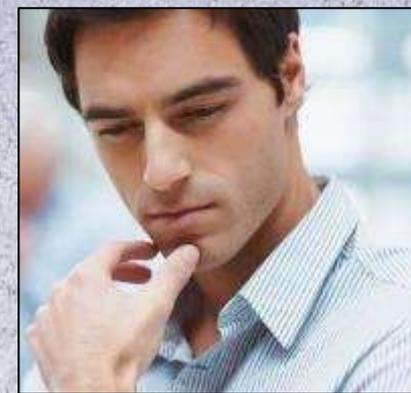
**We must “repair” or “correct” the mistakes of others in a personal way, with love and great tact.**

**We should go to one or two witnesses or to the church as a last resource only if the person refuses to amend his mistake.**

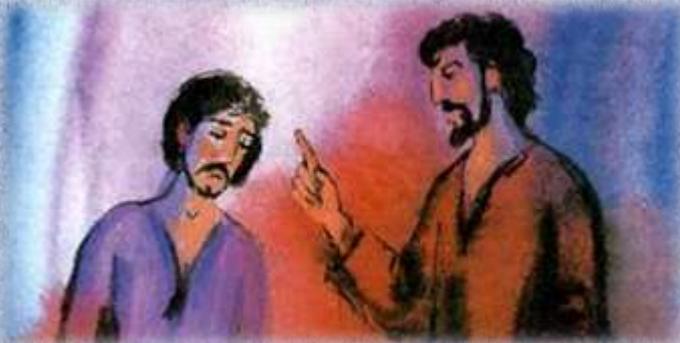


# BEWARE OF TEMPTATION

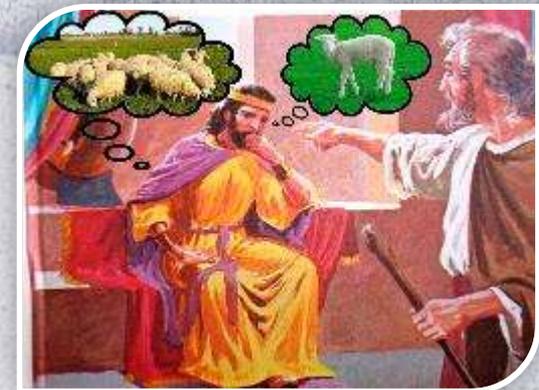
“... considering yourself lest you also be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1b)



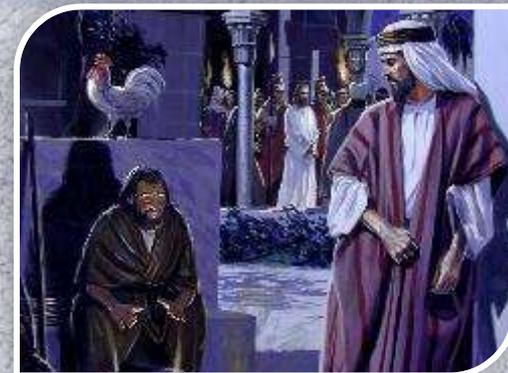
Paul now speaks to the person that has found the mistake of his brother.



Before criticizing other people's mistakes, we must consider our situation. Could I have made the same mistake? In that case, how would I like to be treated after falling?



Nobody is incapable of falling, since everyone has the same sinful nature. The stories of David, Peter and other people in the Bible prove that (1 Corinthians 10:12)



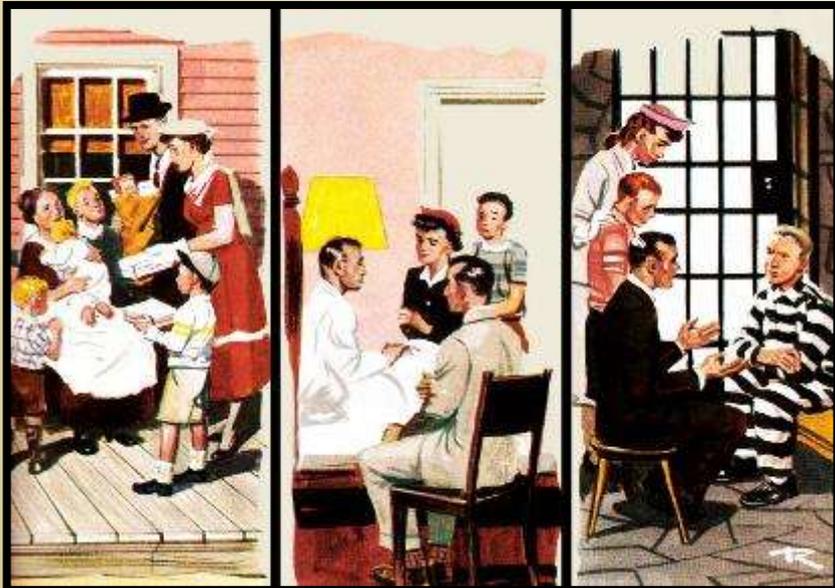
# HELPING TO BEAR OTHERS' BURDENS

**"Bear one another's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2a)**

The word "burden" refers to a load that must be carried for a long distance. This word was used for any problem or difficulty.

We are being encouraged to help others bearing their burdens. Burdens may be a moral mistake and its consequences, a physical disease, a family crisis...

God doesn't want us to carry our own burdens by ourselves. Our pride must not prevent others from helping us to carry our burdens.



**Every Christian is accountable for taking care of others, since that's part of the Church (1 Corinthians 12:26).**

# FULFILLING THE LAW OF CHRIST

“... and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2b)

**Which is the Law of Christ?**

**Jesus gave us a commandment: “as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” (John 13:34).**

**He linked the moral law to love. Loving God over everything and our neighbor as ourselves is the summary of all the commandments (Matthew 22:36-40).**



**In bearing the burdens of others, we are not only following in the footsteps of Jesus but also fulfilling the law.**



# BEARING OUR OWN LOAD

"For each one shall bear his own load." (Galatians 6:5)



Paul is using two different words in verses 2 and 5: *baros* (v. 2; burden) and *phortion* (v. 5; load)



The "load" in verse 5 is like a boat's payload, a soldier's backpack or a baby inside the mother. Those loads cannot be put aside. That is, nobody can carry them but oneself.

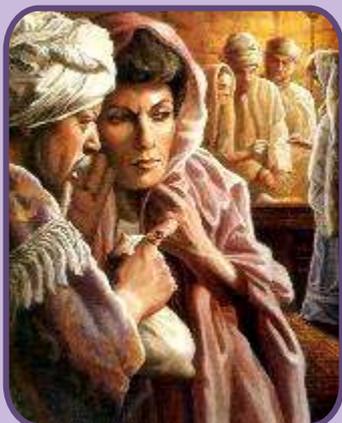


There are some loads that only oneself can carry. For example, a guilty conscience or other loads that only God can help us carrying.

# SOWING AND REAPING

**"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." (Galatians 6:7-8)**

## Sowing to one's flesh



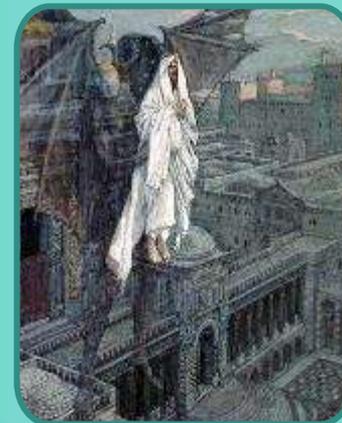
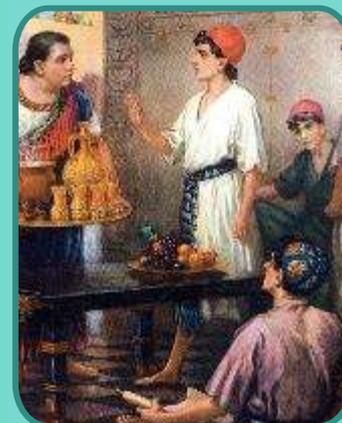
**We may ignore God, but we cannot mock Him. He is the righteous Judge that will pay according to what we sowed in this life.**

**Those living to satisfy their flesh desires will be destroyed. Those living to satisfy God's desires will live forever.**

**The law of sowing and reaping is also true in this life. We usually suffer or enjoy the consequences of our own acts.**

**God doesn't take the consequences away, but He always forgives our sins and adopts us as His children.**

## Showing to the Spirit



# DOING GOOD TO OTHERS

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)

Paul encouraged us to do good whenever we can. If we persist in doing good, we'll see the result.

Our good deeds affect two groups of people:

Everyone

Every person was created by God, and Jesus died for everyone. Therefore, everyone is worthy of being helped by us, no matter their race, gender, caste, position...



The family of believers

This is a special group of people, since every Church member is our brother and sister. We are members of the same family, so we must care for one another in a special way.



**“Not until you feel that you could sacrifice your own self-dignity, and even lay down your life in order to save an erring brother, have you cast the beam out of your own eye so that you are prepared to help your brother. Then you can approach him and touch his heart. No one has ever been reclaimed from a wrong position by censure and reproach; but many have thus been driven from Christ and led to seal their hearts against conviction. A tender spirit, a gentle, winning deportment, may save the erring and hide a multitude of sins. The revelation of Christ in your own character will have a transforming power upon all with whom you come in contact. Let Christ be daily made manifest in you, and He will reveal through you the creative energy of His word—a gentle, persuasive, yet mighty influence to re-create other souls in the beauty of the Lord our God.”**