**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“Burden Bearing Part 2: Thinking Rightly About Ourself and Others”**

**Galatians 5: 26 – 6: 5**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ filled life and Spirit filled church - through love - seeks the good of one another. The true work of the Spirit in our lives shows itself in the discipline of getting your focus off of yourself and onto others.**

**God in His Word teaches us that the fruit of the Spirit is most often not observed in the fantastic displays of healing and the miraculous, but rather in the everyday, normal, and practical actions of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we show for one another.**

**The outworking of the fruit of the Spirit in a believer’s life and the gathered church is observed primarily in the bearing of one another’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not just an entrance into relationship with God and my ticket into eternity; it’s meant to be a lense that I look at everything in my life from. It’s meant to be an identity that I live out every day. It’s meant to be something that is formative for my lifestyle.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or vain glory is defined as inordinate pride in oneself, an over focus on oneself.**

**At its heart, the sin of conceit fixes our mind on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to others.**

**Over focused on ourself leads us to comparison and competition with others. Comparison with others will either lead us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (proving or envying).**

**No sin does greater harm in the church amongst a gathered group of believers than the sin of overfocus on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Paul’s first command to us – flowing from the Spirit filled life that is keeping in step with the Spirit is this: think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about yourself.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cares what we think about ourself.**

**The way we learn to think rightly about ourself is to preach and remind ourself of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**What we think about ourself directly relates to our ability to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what we have been commanded: bear one another’s burdens and allow them to bear our’s.**

**Paul is telling us verse 3 that one thing that hinders the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit filled life in the believer and in the church is wrong thinking about ourself that leads to wrong thinking about others.**

**The temptation for some is to think of themselves as too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to care for one another in carrying their burdens.**

**The Spirit filled life gets eyes off self and onto others. This is the greatest evidence that you are living by the Spirit and not being led by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The solution to viewing ourselves rightly - as God does – to the end that we see another not as someone to be compared to but rather to serve, begins with understanding the weight of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ responsibility before God.**

**The Greek *βάρος* translated “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” means a heavy weight oppressive – something that causes a lot of difficulty.**

**The Greek word *φορτίον* translated “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”refers to anything that is carried by one person, without difficulty. Today the word would be akin to what we could call a backpack or carry-on bag on a plane.**

**The command in verses 4 – 5 is telling us that this is the way to get us out of the tendency to superiority or inferiority in comparison to others is to measure ourself not against others but against God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Verse 2 assumes that we will have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. God expects us to expect them.**

**We should see from verse two that we cannot carry our burdens \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Not only must I be willing to carry other’s burdens, I must also be willing to let other’s carry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ burdens.**

**The command to bear one another’s burdens is a command given to every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Any burden of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kind is in view in verse 2.**

**If restoration is about setting a broken bone then this idea of “carrying one another’s burdens” would be like the idea of carrying a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**When we bear the burdens of others we follow in the footsteps of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who took willingly our biggest burden – sin – and so gave us the example to follow in being about the business of burden bearing.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is all of Scripture’s words that instruct the Christian life. The law of Christ is the character and principle that He lived by, the whole of Jesu’s life and ethic that He modeled for us.**

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**Congregational Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 5: 14 -15**

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.