

Title: The Law of Christ

Scripture: Galatians 6:22

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Galatians 6:22 *"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."*

Two words from this verse to know:

Bear: "something that is difficult to do or something that is difficult to deal with."

Burden: "something that is carried or something that is oppressive to another person."

Matthew 13 – The Parable of the Sower, Luke 10:48, and Matthew 11:28 all give examples of Christ speaking to others about worries, troubles, and how to get through them.

It is not just the Pastor's responsibility to help those that are struggling. It is our responsibility as Christians and church members. I Samuel 30 – David and his men find that their women and children had been taken captive. It says that the people cried so hard about the situation that they had no more power to weep.

Four burdens that we should bear toward one another:

1. **The burden of the saints:** take on the burdens of others. Pray for them and about them. We all have struggles and problems but does your situation shadow out everyone else and their situation? What are we doing about it if we know they are? If you know someone that is going through struggles, it is a sin to not do anything you can to help them.
 - a. Proof: II Corinthians 1:3-4 *"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."*
 - b. God comforted us so that we may comfort others. There are all kinds of ways to let others know that you are thinking of them. You can call, send emails, send cards, send a facebook message, and post it on the church website. Most importantly, you can pray for that individual. We should want to see those people help. Satan does everything he can to make us think that no one cares. He wants us to get down on ourselves and have a pity party. Our God is able to handle everything we go through.
2. **The burden for the lost:** Romans 9:1-3 *"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:"* Romans 10:1 emphasizes this again: *"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."* God's judgment is mentioned in II Corinthians 5:11 *"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."* Matthew 9:35 *"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his*

disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

- a. Four things that are revealed in what Jesus just said: 1. Vision 2. Heart 3. Purpose 4. Call.
 - b. We are called to be ambassadors for Him. It's not just the job of the preachers or deacons. We should bear the burden for lost people. If someone hadn't had a burden for you, where would you be today? We should do the same for others because this is a call from God.
3. **We should bear the burden of the gospel:** Romans 1:16 says *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."* A false gospel will not change someone's heart. **THE** gospel will. We should do everything we can to keep its truths and its messages. Men will die lost unless they look to the Lord Jesus. This is a truth that will never change.
4. **We should bear the burden of the church:** II Corinthians 11:28 *"Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."* We should be burdened for the vision of the church. Some specific to our church in particular:
- a. Children in the classrooms
 - b. Sanctuary filled to capacity
 - c. People who have been given a talent to use those talents
 - d. To see the altar soaked in tears of broken heart
5. The apostle Paul says *"bear ye one another's burdens"*, but he doesn't stop there. He goes on to say *"and so fulfill the law of Christ."* What is the law of Christ? It is given in John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."* It is given again in John 15:12 *"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."*