

DISCUSS

What are some of the “responsibilities” Paul describes in this passage?

Having concluded the previous chapter with a warning against relational division, what instruction does Paul give in verse 1?

What are some of the obstacles that might stand in the way of “gently” restoring someone caught in sin?

Why is gentleness an important aspect of restoration? What difference does it make in the way we confront someone about their sin?

What command does Paul give in verse 2?

What does it teach us about the Christian life?

What does it teach us about the idea of self-sufficiency?

How well do you invest yourself in carrying the weights of others? In what ways could you improve?

How prone are you to inviting other believers into your burdens? Are there ways that you could improve in this area?

What does Paul command in verse 4?

What does it mean to “test” one’s actions?

How have you struggled with overanalyzing your own spiritual state to the exclusion of Christ and the gospel?

In what ways have you struggled with comparing your spiritual state to others? How does this kind of comparison affect your walk with Christ?

What would it look like for you to begin practicing the kind of self-examination Paul describes? How would it change the way you pursue maturity in Christ?

What is the basic principle established in verses 7–8?

What are the two options listed?

What things discourage you from committing to good works?

How do Paul's words encourage your commitment to good works?

How did you react to Paul's command to be "especially" intentional about doing good to fellow believers? In what ways might that change your attitude toward other Christians? Or to the Church as a whole?

What did Kyle describe as the driving theme of these verses?

What is the "main thing" when it comes to our faith?

According to verse 12–13, what do the Judaizers boast in?

What is implied by the phrase “new creation” in verse 15?

In what ways do you bear “the marks of Jesus”?

How do you react to the idea that a faithful walk with Christ means experience opposition from the world? Does it cause you fear or anxiety? If so, why?

As you have walked through this series, has the Holy Spirit awakened you to ways in which you are boasting in your “flesh” rather than the cross of Christ? What steps will you take to surrender your boasting to Him over the next week?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Ask God to show you what it means to live free this week. Pray for opportunities to walk in freedom in your church community, work, and at home.

Share: Sit down with a trusted Christian friend this week and share what's going on in your life. Invite them to pray with you as you open up about your life.

Pause: Take time this week to pause and pray about whether or not you compare yourself to other believers. Confess any sin to God and ask Him to empower you to focus on Him alone.

Read: Go back and read all of Galatians in one sitting. Keep what you've learned through this study in mind as you ask the Spirit to show you how to apply this book to your life.

Worship: Pick a worship song that talks about surrender. As you listen or sing along, surrender to God the ways you've boasted in the flesh and ask for His strength to repent.