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# What is grace?

Greek **χάρις** *charis*

Grace is God's unmerited favor. That is, grace is God doing good for us that we do not deserve. In the Bible, grace and mercy are like two heads of the same coin. Mercy is God withholding judgment or evil that I deserve; grace is God giving me blessing or good that I do not deserve. Because of God's mercy, I do not receive the judgment of God against my sins; because of God's grace, I receive eternal life and a promise of heaven though I do not deserve them. Both mercy and grace come to me through the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace can also be defined as God's sufficiency or God's fullness in the life of the believer. <http://www.learnthebible.org/what-is-grace.html>

# Book of Galatians

# Introduction to Galatians

- Epistle (a circular letter) written by the Apostle Paul
- Original recipients were “the churches in Galatia” (1:2) which had been founded during the first missionary journey of Paul.
- Galatia was a region of cities in southern Asia Minor where the Gauls (Celtic people from the British Isles) had settled after migrating from western Europe through Italy and Greece.
- Region included the cities of Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, located in modern Turkey.
- Paul and Barnabas visited these cities on Paul’s first missionary journey.



Letter  
written by  
Paul from  
Antioch of  
Syria in  
about 48-50  
AD



# Galatians 6:1-10

Last week...

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

As disciples of Jesus, what are some practical ways to “walk by the Spirit”?

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Galatians 6:1

Restore is from Greek verb **καταρτίζω** *katartizete*... a word used in secular Greek for setting broken bones and in the Greek New Testament for mending fishing nets

# Who is called to “restore” others?

- **Spiritual** people - Mature in the faith
- **Gentle** people - Power under control

The legalist is judgmental, harsh, and condemning toward those who struggle with sin. They know the law, and they know the consequences of falling short of obedience to the law. But they do not know mercy. The way the spiritual one should deal with this sinning brother is to restore him gently. The sinning Christian is like a broken bone that the body of Christ must reset. This delicate restoration must be done gently. A harsh, legalistic reaction to a sinning brother will only make things worse. A gentle, graceful response can help. We can only ask ourselves which response we would want if we were the one caught in a sin. - Holman New Testament Commentary

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?" They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court. Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more." John 8:3-11

## **“restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness”**

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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Conversation with former Israeli ambassador to the United States

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Bear one another's **burdens**, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

**βάρος** *baros* Greek noun meaning “heaviness, weight, burden, trouble”; more than one can carry alone.

### **What is the law of Christ?**

Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Galatians 6:3

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. Romans 12:3

But each one must **examine** his own work,  
and then he will have reason for boasting in  
regard to himself alone, and not in regard to  
another. Galatians 6:4

Test/Examine = Greek verb ***dokimazetō*** δοκιμασία  
meaning “to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see  
whether a thing is genuine or not)”

Do I boast in ME or CHRIST IN ME?

## For each one will bear his own load. Galatians 6:5

This does not contradict Galatians 6:2 because the reference there is to heavy, crushing, loads (**βάρος *baros***)—more than a man could carry without help. In Galatians 6:5 a different Greek word (**φορτίον *phortion***) is used to designate the pack usually carried by a marching soldier. It is the “burden” Jesus assigns to His followers. There are certain Christian responsibilities or burdens each believer must bear which cannot be shared with others. Jesus assured His disciples that such burdens were light. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

Jesus said, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden (**φορτίον *phortion***) is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

Galatians 6:6

This concept of voluntary giving to provide for the Lord's servants was revolutionary since Jews were taxed for the support of their priests and Gentiles paid fees, made vows, etc., to sustain their religions. The admonition is clear that as a teacher shares the good things of the Word of God, a believer is to reciprocate by sharing all good things with his instructor. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.  
Galatians 6:7

You reap **spiritually, relationally, mentally,** and **physically** in direct relation to what you plant.

- Holman New Testament Commentary

Each sower decides what his harvest will be.

- Bible Knowledge Commentary

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:8

Each of us by our thoughts, attitudes, and actions is constantly planting for a future reaping.

– Holman New Testament Commentary

Decide what **end result** you want, **flesh** or **spirit**, and then choose the path that leads to that destination.

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Galatians 6:9

The reaping will come at God's proper time, which may be only in part in this life and in full in the life to come at the judgment seat of Christ. - Bible Knowledge Commentary

It is discouraging to continue to do good and not see a reward. Paul challenges the Galatians to keep on giving because God promises to reward those who are faithful in the long run.

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So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. Galatians 6:10

The believer is to do good to both believers and unbelievers with believers having priority. Christians in the New Testament era suffered great economic hardship as a result of rejection and persecution. With no government assistance programs, they had no one else to help but other believers. Though Christians should be willing to help anyone in need, caring for fellow believers is still a priority. - Holman New Testament Commentary

Christians have a measure of responsibility to all people to do good, when the occasions arise. When Jesus fed the 5,000, both saved and unsaved participated. So the benevolence of Christians should not be restricted, except that believers are to have the priority. As in a home, family needs are met first, then those of the neighbors. This passage speaks clearly about Christian social responsibility, but it should be noted that it is addressed to individual believers who are charged to minister in this way as they are able and have opportunity (Romans 12:17–21). - Bible Knowledge Commentary

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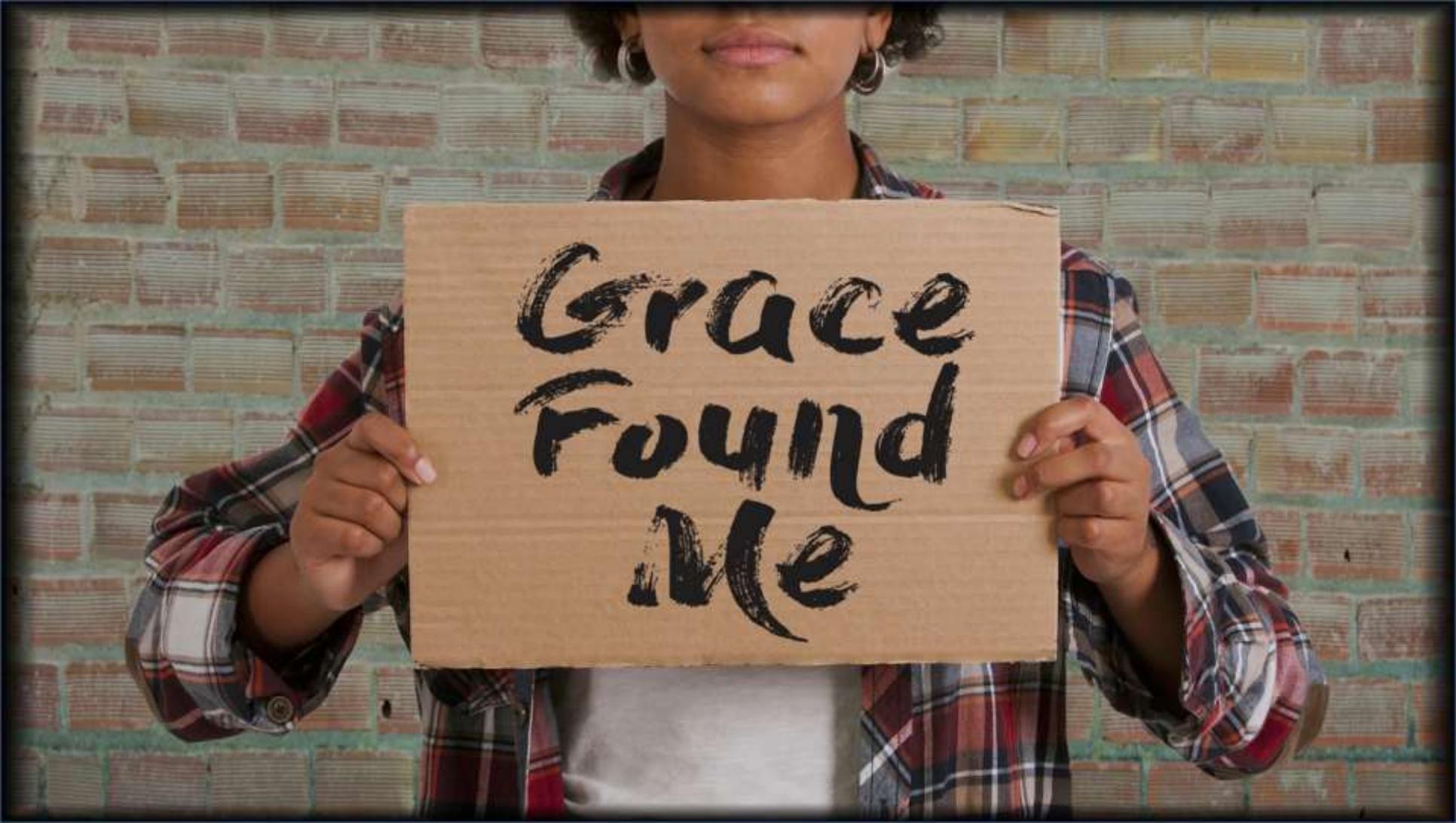
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# Galatians 6:1-10... As disciples of Jesus, what are some practical ways to “walk by the Spirit”?

1. Forgive the sins of others (v. 1)
2. Bear one another's burdens (v. 2)
3. Be humble, not arrogant (v. 3)
4. Examine your own life (v. 4)
5. Bear your own load (v. 5)
6. Share good things with your spiritual mentors (v. 6)
7. Do not mock God (v. 7)
8. Sow (plant seeds of) spiritual things (v. 8)
9. Do not lose heart in doing good (v. 9)
10. Do good to all people (v. 10)

# Has Grace found you?

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through faith; and that not of yourselves,  
it is the gift of God  
Ephesians 2:8

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