

Lessons – A to Z “One Another”
(NT Passages)

Outline – Foundation to “One Another” Passages

I. “What shall this man do?” (Personal relationship with Jesus) (John 21:19-22)

- A. Don’t look at others, look to Jesus.
- B. Don’t compare yourself to others.
- C. Do follow Jesus.
- D. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

II. “Members one of another” (Personal relationship with one another) (Eph. 4:25; I Tim. 3:15)

- A. “Behave thyself in the house of God” – to behave oneself.
- B. Let the Word of God dictate your conduct – with one another.
 - 1. “The pillar and ground of the Truth”
 - 2. Walk in Truth.

III. Grow and maintain your relationship God (vertical), which prepares you to grow and maintain your relationship with one another (horizontal). (III John 1:4)

Lessons – “One Another” (passages)

BEARING BURDENS of – one another

Bear ye one another's **burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

Context: Book of Galatians that Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia (Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra & Derbe – ref. Acts 13-14:22-23ff).

Paul writes to them probably prior to Acts 15 (Jerusalem council at church on circumcision).

Theme found in Galatian epistle of Christian liberty – Gal. 2:4; 5:1, 13.

Spy out liberty -> to bondage (2:4).

Standfast in liberty -> biblical position (5:1).

Called unto liberty -> not to flesh, biblical position: by love serve one another (5:13).

Walk in the Spirit (H.S. filling/control – vs.16).

Works of the flesh (vs.19-21).

Fruit of the Spirit (vs.22-25).

Chapter 6 –

Care (vs.1-3) Restoring Brethren – 1) burden, 2) bearing

Christian Character (vs.4-8) Enjoying Christian Liberty – 1) prove, 2) provide

- vs.1 brethren / man (LC member) be overtaken in a fault (works of the flesh / abuse of liberty – bondage or flesh).

Spiritual (walking in the Spirit / fruit of the Spirit) restore one in the spirit of meekness.

Humble – consider thyself, lest also be tempted (abuse of liberty – bondage or flesh).

[burden of restoring a church member]

- vs.2 bear ye one another's burdens.

Burden – *βάρος* (*baros*) heaviness, trouble, weight, that burden which a person bears from one's faults.

Bear the burdens of restoring a church member.

Bear – to take up to carry, to put on oneself, to help bear and endure and overwhelming burden.

Mutuality of church members – All body parts need each other (members one of another Eph. 4:25).

Fulfill the law of Christ – Love through Spirit control (Matt. 22:37-40; Romans 8:1-2).

*This restores church members (bear ye one another's burdens), this promotes serving with one another (by love serve one another), and leads to church members helping one another.

- vs.3 For if a man (LC member) think he is something -> he deceiveth himself.

When he is nothing (no one, of no account, to be nothing)

Paul – nothing (I Cor. 13:2-3; II Cor. 12:11).

“Nothing Baptist church with nobody members.” (Gal. 2:20; I Cor. 15:9-10).

Misunderstanding between church members – which needs to be restored.

Parallel passages – (one another passages)

James 5:16 confess your faults one to another...

One element of fixing problems and misunderstandings between church members

Confessing misdeeds, a lapse from the truth and uprightness, sin between church members; forgiving and moving forward.

I Corinthians 12:25 care one for another...

I Cor. 1:10 – there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined. (purpose of Paul’s epistle)

Perfectly joined together / restore (Gal. 6:1) – same word *καταρτίζω* (*katartizo*) meaning to strengthen, perfect, complete, make it what it ought to be.

Paul elaborates on this in chapter 12 verses 22-27.

Should be no schisms (divisions) in the body (LC – members), but that the members should have the same care one for another.

Care *μεριμνάω* (*merimnao*) meaning to care for, to look out for.

Chapter 6 –

Character (vs.4-8) Enjoying Christian Liberty – 1) prove, 2) provide

-vs.4 Let every man (LC member) prove (test, examine, scrutinize) his own work (acts, deeds, things done).

Context of the LC and serving (work) one another in Christian liberty (individual standing fast and having a biblical position – not bondage or for the flesh).

Then have rejoicing (joy) in himself alone (understanding and practicing your liberty properly), not in another (forcing someone else to have your practice of liberty).

Ultimately the Holy Spirit guides in the understanding and practice of liberty in Christ, coupled to this is the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

-vs. 5 For every man (LC member) shall bear (to take up to carry, to put on oneself) his own burden (load, example of the cargo of a ship; met. – normal, obligations of a follower of Christ).

Own burden – points to the work (vs.4) which is tied to one’s liberty in Christ (standing fast and having a biblical position – not bondage or for the flesh).

This proving allows the individual church member to enjoy his liberty in Christ, and all the other church members to do the same; while everyone continues to grow.

-vs.6 Let him (LC member) that is taught in the word (W.O.G., work, about liberty and practice) provide (communicate) unto him that teacheth (pastor / teacher) in all good things (W.O.G., work, about liberty and practice).

This is necessary for bearing burdens (your own and one another’s) and enjoying this liberty.

Maturing of church members – of individual members during one another.

-vs.7 be not deceived (vs.3 himself) God is not mocked, what a man sows that he reaps.

-vs.8 sow to flesh / reap corruption; sow to the Spirit / reap life everlasting.

This is necessary for bearing burdens (your own and one another's) and enjoying this liberty.