

**Galatians 6:2~** Go on carrying the burdens<sup>1</sup> of one another, and thus fulfill the Law of the Christ.

**Footnote:** Or, troublesome things Literally, heavy things Greek, *ba're*

**1·** Paul thus encourages all of the more spiritually advanced ones, to help in carrying the burdens of one another. This helps all to be united, and to advance more rapidly, especially when it is done with love. This is how things are to be done in the Christian congregation, in imitation of Christ Jesus.

**[Question]** What kind of a person was Christ, and so what should his followers be carrying for one another?

**[Question]** What should the goal of each individual within the congregation be toward the entire body?

**2·** For example, if we were once smokers and one of our brothers comes into the congregation, who was previously a smoker, but he is now having a real struggle with not taking up smoking again, we would lovingly comfort him, and help him, by showing him how we dealt with these same issues when we faced them. This will strengthen the brother, for he will see, that others have experienced this very thing, and they succeeded in their battle against the same things he is fighting against.

**[Question]** How can we illustrate, how we can help newer ones who are facing difficult problems?

**3·** Our goal is to help all in the congregation, and to lose none of those for whom Christ died. Yet we would never want to take up smoking again ourselves, or condone it before anyone, for it is druggery, and therefore a form of spiritism.

**[Question]** What should be the goal of the congregation, both as a whole and individually?

**[Question]** What though, would we want to be careful not to take up again ourselves?

**4·** We, though, who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those not strong, and not to be pleasing ourselves.  
**(Romans 15:1)**

**[Question]** What should those who are strong, bear for the weaker ones?

**[Question]** What does it mean here, to be self-sacrificing?

- 5· **Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is stumbled, and I am not incensed? (2 Corinthians 11:29)**

**[Question]** How did Paul exhibit these qualities among his brothers?

- 6· **On the other hand, we exhort you, brothers, admonish the disorderly, speak consolingly to the depressed souls, support the weak, be long-suffering toward all. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)**

**[Question]** How should we deal with various ones within the congregation?

- 7· **I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 13:34)**

**[Question]** What is the new commandment of the Christ?

- 8· **This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. (John 15:12)**

**[Question]** Though the Law commanded men to love one another, how did Jesus Christ say that they should love, based upon what they had now seen through his fine example?

- 9· **And this commandment we have from him, that the one who loves God should be loving his brother also. (1 John 4:21)**

**[Question]** What must the one who say she loves God, also be loving, or else he is a liar?

- 10· **By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love among yourselves. (John 13:35)**

**[Question]** How would people in general recognize, that anointed Christians were Christ's disciples?

- 11· **To those without Law I became as without Law, although I am not without Law toward God, but under Law toward Christ, that I might gain those without Law. (1 Corinthians 9:21)**

**[Question]** How did Paul act when among different ones so as to gain the most of them?

- 12· And if one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it, or if a member is glorified, all the other members rejoice with it. (1 Corinthians 12:26)**

**[Question]** How should the body of Christ respond to all its individual members?

- 13· But I could wish to be present with you just now and to speak in a different way, because I am perplexed over you. (Galatians 4:20)**

**[Question]** What did Paul find perplexing about those there in Galatia?