

Sunday, May 26, 2024—Galatians 6:3-5 Bearing Our Own Burdens

### **Galatians 6:3**

- **For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.**
- This verse is self-explanatory.
- Proverbs 25:14
- Proverbs 26:12
- Romans 12:3, 16
- Philippians 2:1-4
- Titus 1:10-11
- Ephesians 4:14
- Humility is an interesting thing. First, you have those people who are humble and proud of it. Second, you have people who truly do not have any higher opinion of themselves than a dust particle on a table.
- In the context, when man thinks he is spiritual when he is not, he is deceiving himself. If a man thinks he is something when he refuses to help a brother with a load, he is nothing. If a man will not bear his own burdens, he is nothing; and if a man thinks he is something because he borrowed someone else's glory, he is nothing.

### **Galatians 6:4**

- **But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.**
- The word “but” contrasts what Paul said in verse 3 with what he is now saying in verse 4. This is Paul's answer to the person who has a high opinion of himself.
- The Greek word translated “prove” means to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals.
  - Romans 12:2
  - I Corinthians 3:13—“try every man's work.”
  - I Corinthians 11:28—“examine himself.”
  - II Corinthians 13:5

- Philippians 1:10
- I Corinthians 2:14-16
- II Corinthians 10:12, 18—the best way to combat a self-conceited braggart, who is taking credit for what others have done, is to make him meticulously examine his own work.
- II Timothy 2:15—rejoicing is only reserved for those who show themselves approved unto God.
- “We sure are shaking this bridge” said the flea to the elephant as they walked over it together.

### **Galatians 6:5**

- **For every man shall bear his own burden.**
- The bottom line in verse 5 is the believer is responsible for taking care of himself.