



GALATIANS

FIGHTING for
the GOSPEL

A Verse-by-Verse Study

Galatians 6: 1 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

What does Jesus
think about
restoration?



Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?”

Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.

Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.”

Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

How many times
should we forgive
a brother or
sister who sins
against us?

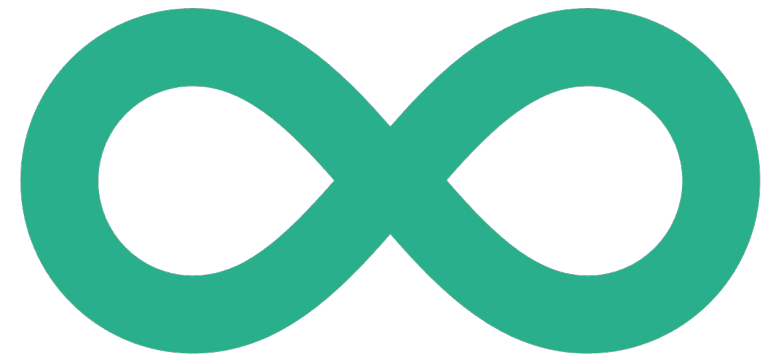


Matthew 18: 12-22 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

The use of these numbers is symbolic and indicates completeness or infinity.

The meaning is we are not to limit our forgiveness to any fixed number of times.



Galatians 6: 1 (NIV)

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Tempted to do
what?



What does satan
tempt us to do
whenever we
have a loved one
living in sin?





Turn to:
1 Corinthians 5: 1-2

1 Corinthians 5: 1-2 (NIV)

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife.

Why is this
church tolerating
this?



What is the next
step after a
church tolerates
sin?



Galatians 6: 2 (NIV)

And you are proud!

Why would this
church be proud
of tolerating this
sin?



PROUD TO BE GAY 

...NOW MAKE ME 


PROUD TO BE CHRISTIAN





June 19, 2022 marked a truly glorious and historic day in the life of our family of faith. Our congregation overwhelmingly approved our Covenant of Inclusion. And just a few days later, our denomination, the United Church of Christ, approved our Covenant, granting us standing as an Open and Affirming church. Open and Affirming (ONA) is the United Church of Christ's (UCC) designation for congregations, campus ministries, and other UCC bodies that make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We will now be listed on the UCC church map at ucc.org reflecting our ONA status.

How should a church
respond to those
professing to be
brothers and sisters
yet living in open
defiance of God's will?



1 Corinthians 5: 1-2 (NIV)

Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?

Galatians 6: 1 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

Galatians 6: 2 (NIV)

Carry each other's burdens, and in
*this way you will fulfill the law of
Christ.*

Carry

Greek:

To Bear

bastazo

To lift or lighten

To take away excess weight

To carry, or take up that which is crushing

Burdens

Greek:
baros

An excessive weight that brings someone down

A heavy weight that causes one to sink

A weight that carries personal or eternal significance

Galatians 6: 2 (NIV)

*Carry each other's burdens, and in
this way you will fulfill the law of
Christ.*

What is the Law
of Christ?





Turn to:
Romans 13: 8-10

Romans 13: 8-10 (NIV)

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13: 8-10 (NIV)

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Romans 13: 8-10 (NIV)

*Love does no harm to a neighbor.
Therefore love is the fulfillment of
the law.*

What type of
love?





Turn to:
James 2: 8

James 2: 8 (NIV)

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.

Galatians 6: 2 (NIV)

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6: 3 (NIV)

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.

What is Paul
talking about
here?





Turn to:
Proverbs 26: 12

Proverbs 26: 12 (NIV)

Do you see a person wise in their own eyes?

There is more hope for a fool than for them.

Galatians 6: 4 (NIV)

Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,

Why do we need
to test our
actions?



What is a sign
that we are
actions are for
the wrong
reasons?



Galatians 6: 4 (NIV)

Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,



Turn to:
1 Corinthians 3: 6-9

1 Corinthians 3: 6-9 (NIV)

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it,
but **God has been making it
grow.** So neither the one who plants
nor the one who waters is anything,
but only God, who makes things grow.*

1 Corinthians 3: 6-9 (NIV)

The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Galatians 6: 5 (NIV)

*for each one should carry their own
load.*

Galatians 6: 2 (NIV)

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

In Galatians 6:2 we are told to "bear the burdens" of others. The original Greek is describing a sharing of other's troubles or difficulties.

In Galatians 6:5 we are being told that we must "bear our own load," in the sense that we must answer directly to God for our own actions.

The responsibilities God has given us are not to be placed on others.

Galatians 6: 5 (NIV)

*for each one should carry their own
load.*

Galatians 6: 6 (NIV)

Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Receives Instruction

Greek: To pour truth into the ears

katecheo

To indoctrinate

To instruct

To teach a way of life

Galatians 6: 6 (NIV)

Nevertheless, the one who receives
instruction in the word should
share all good things with their
instructor.

Share

Greek:
κοινοῦν

To fellowship with

To communicate with

To share with one another



Turn to:
1 Timothy 5: 17-18

1 Timothy 5: 17-18 (NIV)

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

1 Timothy 5: 17-18 (NIV)

For Scripture says, “Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.”

What does this
mean?



Galatians 6: 6 (NIV)

Nevertheless, the one who receives
instruction in the word should
share all good things with their
instructor.

Instructor

Greek:
katécheo To teach by word of mouth

To instruct orally

To be told



Turn to:
1 Peter 5: 1-2

1 Peter 5: 1-2 (KJV)

**The elders which are among you I
exhort, who am also an elder, and a
witness of the sufferings of Christ, and
also a partaker of the glory that shall
be revealed:**

1 Peter 5: 1-2 (KJV)

Feed the flock of God which is
among you, taking the
oversight thereof, not by constraint,
but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of
a ready mind;



Turn to:
Jeremiah 3:15

Jeremiah 3: 15 (NKJV)

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Galatians 6: 6 (NIV)

Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Galatians 6: 7 (NIV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Do we see God
mocked today?





Turn to:
2 Peter 3: 9-10

2 Peter 3: 9-10 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3: 9-10 (NIV)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.



Turn to:
Romans 13: 1-5

Romans 13: 1-5 (NIV)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13: 1-5 (NIV)

Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13: 1-5 (NIV)

For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong.

Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

Romans 13: 1-5 (NIV)

For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Romans 13: 1-5 (NIV)

Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

Galatians 6: 7 (NIV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Galatians 6: 8 (NIV)

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.



Turn to:
John 10: 10

John 10: 10 (NIV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Galatians 6: 8 (NIV)

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

How does satan
twist this?



Do those who live
by pleasing their
flesh appear to
reap destruction?



Galatians 6: 9 (NIV)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6: 10 (NIV)

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6: 11 (NIV)

*See what large letters I use as I write
to you with my own hand!*

Why does Paul
write with such
large letters?



Why is Paul
pointing this out?



Galatians 6: 12a (NIV)

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised.

What does it
mean to impress
people by the
means of the
flesh?



Why do some
teachers want to
impress people
by false teaching
or by approving
of sin?



Galatians 6: 12 (NIV)

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Galatians 6: 13 (NIV)

Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh.

Galatians 6: 14 (NIV)

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

What does Paul
mean when he
says the world
has been
crucified to him?



Galatians 6: 15 (NIV)

*Neither circumcision nor
uncircumcision means
anything; what counts is the new
creation.*

What new
creation is Paul
talking about?





Turn to:
2 Corinthians 5: 16-17

2 Corinthians 5: 16-17 (NIV)

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

2 Corinthians 5: 16-17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Galatians 6: 15 (NIV)

Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

Galatians 6: 16 (NIV)

*Peace and mercy to all who follow
this rule—to the Israel of God.*

Galatians 6: 16 (NLT)

*May God's peace and mercy be upon
all who live by this principle; they are
the new people of God.*

Galatians 6: 17 (NIV)

From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

What are the
marks of Jesus?



Galatians 6: 18 (NIV)

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with your spirit, brothers and sisters.
Amen.*

What does Paul
mean when he
says *“The grace
of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with
your spirit”*?

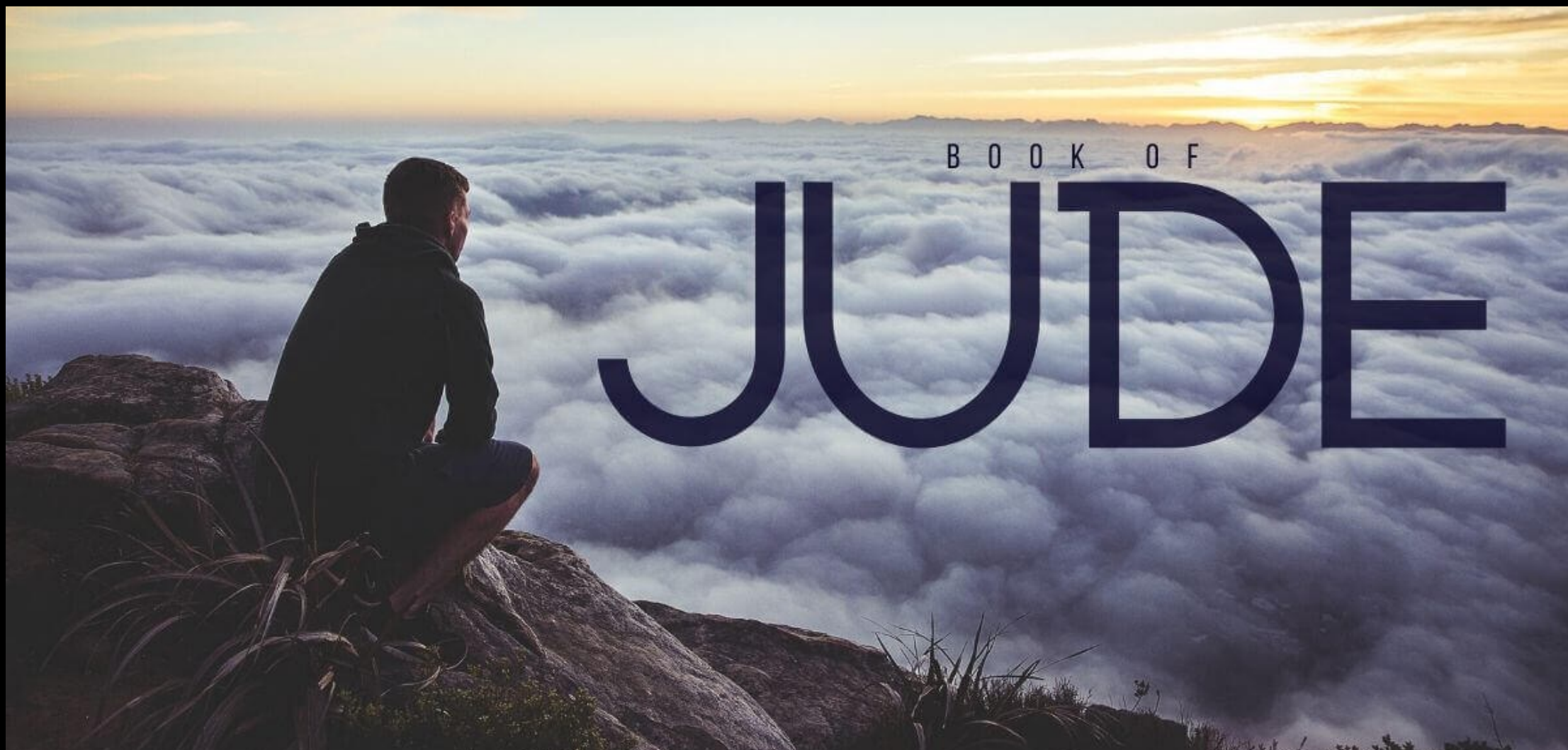




Turn to:
1 Thessalonians 5: 23

1 Thessalonians 5: 23(NIV)

*May God himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ.*



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