Dear Christian – **Are you winning the race of grace?**

**Paul has been making much about grace and how we need to make much about the Work of Jesus on the cross! Gal. 6:14**

**Paul speaks about our adoptions to God by Jesus. Gal. 4:5**

Paul speaks about the Holy Spirit in our hearts at this adoption. Gal. 4:6

Paul speaks about us being now heirs of God through Jesus. Gal. 4:7

**Then Paul speaks to us to STAND with grace. Gal. 5:1**

Paul says to watch out for bondage of sinful people and things. Gal. 5:2, Gal. 5:7

Paul warns against just the little hint of sin that becomes big like leaven. Gal. 5:9

Paul then challenges us to walk with the Spirit of God. Gal. 5:16

Pau makes it clear when we are walking with God’s Spirit we will not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Gal. 5:16

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**Next Paul explains the works of the flesh. Gal. 5:19-21**

And Paul explains the works of the Spirit of God. Gal. 5:22-25

Then we get to the last of Chapter 5:26 – don’t be desirous of vain glory!

**Paul closing this wonderful book of Galatians with His last few words of instruction for the people of God.**

Paul says Be A Spiritual Person that helps struggling Christians. Gal. 6:1

Paul says Bear/lift up another Believer and this will fulfil the law/command of Christ.

**God has won His grace over us by our faith! Gal. 5:5**

But God says those are His to prove their work. Gal. 6:4

Paul is making us show what God is doing in us!

This is something that Jesus said. John\_10:27  “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

Jesus goes on to say that by our love for others for the gospel sake and for Jesus sake proves that we are His disciples. **John\_13:35  By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

**Let’s see what God is saying here in chapter 6:**

**Three things to watch:**

**V1a Watch out – “overtaken”**

* Faults are everywhere.
* You don’t have to go far to find fault.
* There is Common faults. The Believer is trying and makes a mistake.
* There is Carnal faults. We are not trying and keep making mistakes.
* Both are serious.
* If the common isn’t taken serious in our hearts how can we see and know howto help others with Carnal faults? The Carnal faults should never overtake us and we do nothing about it. A.S.A.P. attention is needed. Amen!?

**What are Carnal faults? Gal. 5:19-21**

1. Adultery – sexual immorality in practice.
2. Fornication – impurity in practice.
3. Uncleanness – dirtiness not wanting God’s mercy and grace.
4. Lasciviousness – lustfulness with no desire for cleanness.
5. Idolatry – Love for something more than your love towards God.
6. Witchcraft – sorcery practice.
7. Hatred – hate in heart
8. Variance - fightings more than peace.
9. Emulations – jealously and acts in vengeance.
10. Wrath – uncontrolled anger and likes conflict.
11. Strife – causing friction and doesn’t care.
12. Seditions – division maker.
13. Heresies – wrong unbiblical choices
14. Envyings – a envious heart towards others more than contentment
15. Murders – wants others to fail.
16. Drunkenness – lack of self-control and not leaning on God’s strength.
17. Reveling – letting loose and can’t be stopped.
18. And such like: -These that live this way are not God’s people.
19. **1 Thes.\_5:21  Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

 **V1b Watch over – “Restore “** God is helping us with His Spirit –

* Love – showing love and grace like we have received from God.
* Joy – Receiving happiness and thanksgiving from God because we know who and what is doing for us.
* Peace – Trusting God in all things knowing whom the Lord is and what He is doing.
* Longsuffering – Patience in trials, suffering and blessings know that Lord is the giver of all good things. Ref. James 1:17
* Gentleness – A moral excellence and sweet Spirit to all people.
* Goodness – Virtue and Valor for the glory of God in a fallen world.
* Faith – Believing and hoping all things, for all things are possible with God.
* Meekness – showing humility of heart and not quick to hate but working with others.
* Temperance – Self-control & Spirit-control in all things for the glory of God.

**V1c Watch within – “considering Thyself”**

* Gal. 6:4 - Prove you work before the Lord – How? With my study- 2 Tim. 2:15
* With how you are handling your burdens. Gal 6:5 – with how you sow/give to the Lord. Gal. 6:7 – How you walk in the Spirit – Gal. 6:8-10 - How you love and glory [praise, boast, rejoice] in Jesus for the Cross. Gal. 6:14