The 25th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, November 15, 2026
"Experiencing the Grace of Christ: Bearing One Another's Burdens"
Galatians 5:26-6:5 & John 13:31-35

We're saved through faith in Jesus Christ, not by our own efforts or good works, and it's that same_____, working through the Holy Spirit, that_____the way we live.

The fruit of the Spirit isn't just about our personal_____; it's also about how we_____one another.

LIVING OUT GRACE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

 # 1. _____.
"My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness." (Galatians 6:1)

Paul doesn't say we should_____the person's sin, excuse their behaviour, or pretend that nothing has happened. Neither does he tell us to condemn them, _____them, or turn our backs on them. Instead, he calls us to_____them in a spirit of gentleness.

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When a brother or sister in Christ stumbles, our goal should be to help them find their way back to spiritual health and_____.

Confronting sin sometimes requires difficult conversations and uncomfortable truths. However, the purpose must always be_____, not humiliation; _____, not rejection.

Gentleness = the willingness to come alongside someone who has fallen, not with an attitude of judgement or_____, but with_____, compassion, and a genuine desire to see them restored.

"Take care that you yourselves are not tempted." (Galatians 6:1)

As we seek to restore others, we must remember our own_____and vulnerabilities. None of us is beyond_____. None of us has reached the point in our Christian lives where we no longer need God's grace or the support of brothers and sister in Christ.

When we remember how_____and merciful God has been with us, it's much harder to look down on someone else who is struggling.

_____and comparison have no place in a community shaped by grace. We can't genuinely help restore someone if we're more interested in proving ourselves _____than they are.

Genuine restoration requires truth, _____, and sometimes appropriate consequences. However, even then, our desire should be to see the person brought back into a_____relationship with God and, wherever possible, with others.

The Church should be a place where_____is taken seriously, but where struggling sinners are never made to feel that they're_____the reach of God's grace.

Grace doesn't_____sin, but neither does it_____the sinner.

 # 2. _____.
"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

The Christian life was never meant to be lived out in_____. God hasn't called us to walk through life alone, carrying every difficulty, sorrow, and struggle by ourselves. He's brought us together as members of His family–as brothers and sisters in Christ–so that we might encourage,_____, and support one another along the way.

Sometimes these burdens are_____–a serious illness, the death of a loved one, financial difficulties, or a family crisis. Other times they're_____from view–loneliness, anxiety, discouragement, or a private struggle that no one else knows about.

Bearing one another's burdens begins with paying_____–with seeing behind the mask. It means looking beyond ourselves and taking a genuine_____in the lives of those around us. It means being willing to notice when someone is struggling, to listen when they need to talk, and to offer whatever help or _____we can.

We may not be able to remove someone's suffering or_____every problem they're facing; however, through our presence, prayers, encouragement, and practical help, we can make their burden a little_____to bear.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my

disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34–35)

The_____ Jesus gives us isn't simply that we should love others as we love ourselves, but that we should love one another as_____loved us.

The Lord of glory took the place of a_____, demonstrating that genuine love isn't just something we speak about, but something we put into_____.

When we bear one another's burdens, we're following the_____of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and who ultimately bore the burden of our sin on the Cross.

Having received Jesus' extraordinary love and grace, we're now called to _____that same love and grace in the way we care for one another.

Bearing one another's burdens also requires something from those who are struggling: the_____to acknowledge that we sometimes need help ourselves and to receive what's being offered in a spirit of_____.

This can be difficult because we don't want to appear_____or needy, or be an inconvenience.

And isn't this the kind of community we want our church to be? A place where people don't have to_____that everything is wonderful all the time. A place where those who are hurting can find_____, those who are struggling can find encouragement, and those who are weary can find someone willing to walk alongside them.

Jesus said that the world would recognize His disciples not simply by what they believe or what they say, but by the_____they demonstrate for one another.

When the grace of Christ is truly at work among us, it won't remain merely a theological truth that we_____; it'll become a living reality that others can _____and experience.

 # 3. _____.

"For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads." (Galatians 6:3-5)

At first glance, Paul's words might seem a little_____. In verse 2, he tells us to bear one another's burdens, and then three verses later, he says that everyone must carry their own load.

baros = burden = something heavy or difficult to bear; a crushing, oppressive, or excessive_____that burdens a person's back; such as deep grief, personal crisis, temptation, or_____failure, that's too large for them to carry alone.

phortion = burden = a standard, _____load or assigned pack, such as a solider s kit; it denotes personal responsibility, _____, or character-building tasks that an individual is expected to carry themselves.

We're called to help one another with life's overwhelming burdens, while still taking_____for our own lives and our own walk with Christ.

Paul also identifies something that can get in the way of this kind of community–and that's_____–and he warns us against thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought.

When we begin comparing ourselves with others, it's easy to become either _____or_____.

Neither attitude reflects the_____that comes from walking by the Spirit. Instead, Paul tells us to examine our own lives and our own work. Rather than _____ourselves against one another, we're to consider whether we're being_____to what God has called us to do.

Our faithfulness is made possible by the grace of God and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. However, grace doesn't_____personal responsibility; it enables us to live_____in response to all that Christ has done for us.

Sometimes the most loving thing we can do is offer_____and support while allowing someone to take the steps they need to take themselves.

Am I taking responsibility for my own spiritual growth? Am I seeking to become more like Christ?

The Christian life isn't a_____to see who is doing better; it's a journey of faith in which we're all dependent on the same grace, guided by the same Spirit, and called to follow the same Lord. This is the_____Paul wants us to understand: We're each responsible for our own walk with Christ, but we're never meant to walk alone.

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Whose burden might God be calling me to help carry this week?

The same grace we've received from Christ is the grace we're called to extend to one another. And when we do, we become a living_____to the love of Jesus.