Bear One Another's Burdens

<u>1</u> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <u>2</u> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <u>3</u> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
<u>4</u> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <u>5</u> For each will have to bear his own load.

6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. **7** Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. **8** For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. **9** And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. **10** So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Final Warning and Benediction

<u>11</u> See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. **<u>12</u>** It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. **<u>13</u>** For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. **<u>14</u>** But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **<u>15</u>**F or neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. **<u>16</u>** And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

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<u>17</u>From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

<u>18</u>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.