



Message Six: The Liberty of Love *Pastor Mike Chapman*

As Paul brings his letter to the Church in Galatia, you can sense a softening in his tone and rhetoric. He deeply love the believers at Galatia, and he wants them to understand that the Gospel that sets us free from bondage of legalism and libertinism also sets us free to love fully.

BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS – 6:1-5

The context of freedom is **relationships**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-11, Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If they fall down, they can help each other up. But pity those who fall and have no one to help them up! (NIV)

The church is an interdependent **family**.

We are "brothers and sisters."

Paul speaks of sin as a **trap**.

Spiritual believers are given the responsibility of **restoring** a brother or sister who has fallen into the trap.

Who qualifies as spiritual?

Restoration must be done gently and carefully.

Bearing the burdens of our brothers and sisters is the fulfillment of the law of Christ.

SOWING AND REAPING – 6:7-10

The bottom line principle is straightforward: **God cannot be mocked.**

We reap what we sow.

Negative: Sow to the flesh and reap **destruction.**

Positive: Sow to the Spirit and reap **eternal.**

The challenge of sowing and reaping is that there is a delay.

At the **proper time**, we will reap a harvest for doing good!

BOASTING IN THE CROSS – 6:11 - 18

The cross is the **brand** of the church, and it is an **offensive** logo.

Romans 5: 11, "the offense of the cross"

Because the cross is **exclusive**

The power of the cross is the power of a **new creation.**

Only the cross can change a life and make all things new.

With his own hand, Paul writes in large letters:

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.