

LESSON 13: "Dealing with Sin as a Church" **Date:** December 14, 2014

TEXT: Galatians 6:1-10

INTRODUCTION

Since Christian freedom is not about me, but others, then its fruit of Spirit-filled ministry is service to its brothers and sisters even when they are gravely straying. Continuing and even specifically applying the principles of Galatians 5:13-26, Paul deals now with this topic of erring brothers and sisters and puts it squarely in the realm of local church ministry. In this passage, Paul's message is clear—***we must*** _____ ***with sin, or*** _____ ***will deal seriously with us***. That message reveals to us both a spiritual responsibility and some compelling reasons.

THE RESPONSIBILITY: DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH SIN (vv. 1-6)

1. Instruction about the _____ **(vv. 1-2)**

a. Situation (v. 1a)

"anyone" —

"caught" —

"transgressions" —

b. Resolution (v. 1b)

"spiritual ones" —

"restore" —

c. Disposition (vv. 1c-2)

- _____
“keep watch on yourself” —
- _____
“in a spirit of gentleness” —

“bear one another’s burdens..” —

“and so fulfill the law of Christ” —

2. Instruction for the people _____ (vv. 3-5)

- a. Proper _____ (v. 3)**
- b. Private _____ (v. 4)**
- c. Personal _____ (v. 5)**

3. Instruction for the people _____ (v. 6)

THE REASONS: SIN WILL DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH YOU (vv. 7-10)

1. Consequences (vv. 7-8a)

- a. Self-_____ (v. 7a)**

b. Divine _____ (v. 7b)

c. Fleshly _____ (vv. 7c-8a)

- **You reap the same _____ as you sow.**
- **You reap in a different _____ than when you sow.**

2. Alternative: “_____ to the Spirit” (vv. 8b-10)

- a. _____ (v. 9a)**
- b. _____ (v. 9b)**
- c. _____ (v. 10a)**
- d. _____ (v. 10b)**

CONCLUSION

“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins” (James 5:19-20).