The Burdens Of Life

Gal. 6:1-10
Introduction

• All of us have burdens to bear in this life
• Sadly, some see a contradiction on this passage
• Verse 2 and 5 are not in contradiction when understood
I. Verse 2- We Must Bear The Burdens Of Others

- Burden = suggests what is heavy or burdensome—a great, hard and grievous load
- Indicates the cares, sorrows, tribulations, anxieties, troubles and needs of others
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• Burden here includes “the sorrows, distresses, frailties, and overload of sins borne by others….we all stand in need of a burden bearing friend when we are in sorrow and in sin.” Robert R. Taylor
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- How do we do this?
- The physical burdens = Lk. 10:30
- Rom. 12:15
- 2. Those spiritual in nature =
  - Gal. 6:1
  - Rom. 15:1-2
I. Verse 2- We Must Bear The Burdens Of Others

• “As Christ loved and gently cared for us, so we must help the ‘overloaded’”. Andrew Connally
II. Verse 5- We Must Bear Our Own Burdens

• Burden = something to be borne; indicates our responsibilities and obligations

• Refers to a “pack” and this pack stands for the whole of one’s duties before God
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• Some duties cannot be transferred!

• Mt. 16:24

• Rom. 14:10,12

• 2 Cor. 5:10
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• “The overload of burdens in verse two can be borne partially—not totally—by concerned, caring, and close friends. The individual burdens or loads... of verse five cannot be shifted to another.” Robert R. Taylor
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- What are some of these burdens for the Christian?
  - Study
  - Attendance at the services
  - Giving, Singing, Praying, Eating the Lord’s supper, teaching the word, preaching the gospel
II. Verse 5- We Must Bear Our Own Burdens

• Contending for the faith
• Suffering persecution as a Christian
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• What are some of these burdens to the non-Christian?
• Obeying the gospel
• Being ready for death and judgment
Conclusion

- Conclusion: Gal. 6:2,5,7-8
- Do you need to put on your “pack” and take responsibility toward God?
- Are we bearing the burdens of others?