

# **Becoming a Spiritual “Burden-bearer” And Exposition of Galatians 6:1-5**

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## **Introduction**

- The paragraph twice uses the term “burden,” meaning something different each time.
- The paragraph gives clear direction when we are to “step up,” and shoulder the spiritual load.
- The paragraph gives us the “green light” on spiritual burden bearing in three key areas.

### **I. The spiritual failure of others is a burden we are called upon to bear (v.1).**

[The “unexpected” type—“overtaken in a fault”]

- Be aware of the likelihood of spiritual failure in others.
- Be prepared in heart to deal with spiritual failure in others.
- Be envisioning future usefulness for the one who fails.

\* Related Passages: Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13;  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-16; Hebrews 10:24-25

### **II. The overwhelming personal crises of others are the burdens we are called upon to bear (v.2).**

[The “Baros” type—“bear ye one another’s”]

- These are too much to be borne alone.
- These must be borne by us with our friend.

\* Related Passages: Mark 2:1-5; Luke 10:27-37; I Peter 5:7

### **III. Our own responsibilities are the burdens we are called upon to joyfully bear (vv. 3-5).**

[The “phortian” type—“bear your own burden”]

- God has designed burdens we are supposed to bear alone (v. 5).
- God intends the bearing of these burdens to bring great joy (vv. 3-4).

\* Related Passages: Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28-30