

# Restoring a Brother or Sister

Gal. 6:1

## Introduction:

- A. Restoring brethren is so important.
  - 1. Mends or makes complete (*Katatidzo*)
    - a. “Mending” (Mt. 4:21)
    - b. “Perfectly joined together” (1 Cor. 1:10)
  - 2. Saves souls from death. (Jas. 5:19-20).
  - 3. Strengthens churches — numerically and spiritually.
- B. Restoring brethren is part of walking in the Spirit (5:22-6:2).
- C. Restoring brethren involves responsibilities of two parties in our text:

## Discussion:

### I. The One Performing Restoration.

- A. Needs to be *spiritual*.
  - 1. Bear fruit of the Spirit. (5:22-23).
  - 2. Be mature. (1 Cor. 3:1).
- B. Needs to show *gentleness*. (Cf. 2 Tim. 2:24-26).
  - 1. One in text “overtaken”, “surprised” or “caught” — not yet wilful or unruly.
  - 2. If gentleness fails then use sharpness or abruptness. (Jude 22-23; 2 Cor. 13:10; Tit. 1:13).
- C. Needs to *consider self*.
- D. Needs to know *objective*.
  - 1. To bring to repentance — patiently insist on it. (Cf. 2 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 2:5,6, 16, 21,22).
  - 2. To broken relationships caused by him sin. (2 Cor. 2:7).

### II. The One Needing Restoration.

- A. Needs to repent of sins (Acts 8:22-23).
  - 1. Not mere sorrow for sins (2 Cor. 9:7)
  - 2. Not mere reformation.
- B. Needs to confess sins and ask forgiveness.
  - 1. To confess is to “speak same thing” — not reveal unknown sins.
  - 2. To confess to who acknowledge what another knows.
    - a. It may be just God. (1 John 1:9, 10).
    - b. It may be another person or two (Lk. 17:4).
    - c. It may be the whole church that knows.
  - 3. To confess is more than admit guilt — humbly asks mercy. (Lk. 15:19-21).
- C. Needs to do more just take up where left off.
  - 1. Ill. Man leaves family, job, team — just walks back in.
  - 2. Needs to tell offended party, “I repent.” (Lk. 17:4).
  - 3. Passing of time nor good behavior no substitute for confession.

## Conclusion:

- A. Let us seek to restore all who will be restored.
- B. Let those who need restoring humbly submit to the Lord’s will.