"Fulfill the Law of Christ"

**Intro:** After the Apostle Paul taught the Galatian Christians that true believers are justified through ______ sole in Christ alone and not by meritorious works of the Law, he then began to teach them how those who trust in Christ are to live ______ ______ lives.

A. Those who walk in the Spirit, with the Fruit of the Spirit being continually manifested in their practices, _______ the intent of the _______ of God – and not as a burden, but as the _______ expression of their heart!

B. At the first of the sixth chapter Paul teaches _______ we who believe are ______ toward one another. And in so doing he teaches what walking by the Spirit looks like in practice as we love ______ ________.

C. The _______ that God by His Spirit produces in us is to be harvested (put to practiced) _____ the blessings of ______.

I. Those who walk by the Spirit _______ the _______.

A. The _______ restore fallen brothers.

1. Let us ______ up to a _______ man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. Let us be spiritual by walking by the Spirit that we would ______ those who have ______ _______ to get up and again walk by the Spirit themselves!

B. The verb translated "restore’ means to ‘________ ________’. It was a medical term that referred to the setting of a broken bone. To restore is to set in order _____ the sake of ________.

1. The true church does not shoot it’s wounded but ______ them, applies the healing balm, restoring them to Christ their Savior, the One who was _______ for their transgressions, the One by whose stripes they are healed!

C. The spiritual are to restore the fallen in a spirit of _______.

1. To bring about the restoration of a fallen brother Luther wrote, “_______ unto him and reaching out your hand, raise him up again, comfort him with sweet words, and _________ him with motherly arms.”

2. Colossians 3:12, “... as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, _______ _____ a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, _________ and patience.”
D. The Spiritual must __________ against their own __________ falling out of step with the Spirit, stumbling into a trespass of their own.

1. Be __________ when you think you stand, lest you fall for pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall! (cf. 1 Cor. 10:12 & Prov 16:18). Dishonor follows __________, but with the humble is wisdom. (ch. Prov 11:2)

II. Those who walk by the Spirit are to “________ one another’s __________, and thus fulfill the law of Christ” (v. 2).

A. Those who walk by the Spirit bear their brother’s burden. They come along side and pick their burden up and __________ it with them. They relieve them of their burden where they can and sacrificially __________ with them where they must.

B. This burden bearing is in truth a __________ your neighbor ____ yourself which is the fulfillment of the law of __________!

III. Those who walk by the Spirit carefully __________ their own work __________ __________, not in regard or in comparison to another.

A. Then, rather than going around with a sad-sack frown on our face saying “I am nothing”, we will live with a heart filled with __________ toward God knowing with a __________ confidence that we belong to Him, for the spiritual fruit of our life verifies the truth of our __________! Then, in that sense, we will have reason for a proper boasting or as the KJV puts it, “rejoicing” that is, glorying, not because we esteem ourselves better than some poor soul but because we see the good fruit of ____ __ ____!

B. Let us be very careful to __________ our own work before God that on that day we will stand before Him unashamedly “for each one shall ____ his own __________.”

Conclusion: Those who walk by the Spirit love! And their heavenly love is put to practice as they __________ one another, bear one another’s burdens, and do not judge themselves against ____ __________ but judge themselves rightly before God. In very practical terms this is what it looks like to walk by the Spirit; to be spiritual.

Let us cast aside all our previous misconceptions about what spirituality looks like, and let us __________ the Written Word of __________. Then, as we walk by the Spirit we will truly be spiritual, fulfilling the law of __________. May God be __________ in us.