"Bear One Another's Burdens"
Gal. 6:1-5

Introduction:
A. We, as Christians, must bear each other's burdens.
   1. "It is the law." (v. 2) (Ill. Sign on state lines about seat belts)
      a. Christians are under law to Christ. (I Cor. 9:21)
      b. Christians to obey whole law. (Jas. 2:8-10).
   2. It is opposite of self-centeredness. (v. 3)
   3. It is not relieving another of responsibility. (vs. 4,5).
   4. It is part of doing good. (v. 10).
   5. It is conditioned on opportunity. (v.10).
B. We, as Christians, have a variety of burdens to bear.

Discussion:
I. Guilt Burdens. (v. 1)
   A. Speaking of one overtaken in a fault.
      1. Burdened with guilt.
      2. Burdened with discouragement
      3. Especially calls for gentleness.
      4. Wants and needs our forgiveness and encouragement.
   B. Not speaking of one persisting in a fault - calls for sharpness (Tit. 1:13)

II. Congregational Burdens.
   A. Provisions for congregational activities.
      1. Physical facilities.
      2. Financial matters.
      3. Work details for work and worship of church.
   B. Each must do his share. (Eph. 4:16).

III. Financial Burdens.
   A. Each has responsibility to provide for self and his own. (Eph. 4:28; 2 Thess. 3:10; ; 1 Tim. 5:8).

IV. Physical and Emotional Burdens.
   A. Sickness. (Matt. 25:43; Jas. 5:14,15).
      1. Avoid tiring visits.
      2. Avoid discouraging words.
   C. Other misfortunes.

V. Responsibility Burdens.
   A. The responsibility of parenthood. (Eph. 6:4)
      1. Children can help parents bear this.
      2. Others can help parents bear this.
   B. The responsibility of leadership. (Heb. 13:17).
   C. The responsibility of teaching. (Jas. 3:1,2).
      1. Do we help or add to their burden?
      2. Do we make job harder or easier?
      3. Do we make self adversary or ally?

Conclusion:
A. "Bear a burden", not "Be a burden".
B. Let Lord have your burden today by obeying Him.