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.
      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.
      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.