

1. **Intro:** Cat and Dog Test
 1. Hudson Taylor said: “If your father and mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house, are not happier for your being Christian, it is a question whether you really are.”
 2. Paul’s letter to the Galatians urges them to find the balance between legalism and license.
 1. **Text:** “For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
 2. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:14–16 NAS95)
 3. **Concept:** The way of the flesh contrasted with the way of the Spirit
 1. Gal 5:17-21
 2. Gal 5:22-26
 4. **Concept** - Four Typical reasons people withdraw from a congregation:
 1. Crisis of Lifestyle
 2. Crisis of Doctrine
 3. Crisis of Leadership
 4. Crisis of Relationship
 5. **Text:** “Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. For each one will bear his own load.” (Galatians 6:2–5 NAS95)
6. **Poem:** My Influence

My Life shall touch a dozen lives
 Before this day is done,
 Leave countless marks of good or ill,
 E’er sets the evening sun.
 This, the wish I always wish,
 The prayer I always pray;
7. Lord, may my life help other lives,
 It touches by the way. —Selected
7. Galatians 6 contains two concepts in comparison
 1. 6:1-10 - Others, and not self
 2. 6:11-18 - God’s glory and not man’s approval
 3. **Quote:** “The “rule” we are to walk by is that of grace and the new creation in Christ. How many well-meaning but ignorant Christians are walking by a different rule, trying to “bring in the kingdom” or reform the world.” - Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1992). Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament (533). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.
8. Epilogue on Galatia -
 1. A traveler in Ottoman Turkey in the mid-nineteenth century would have discovered a robust and diverse Christian presence of different denominations and ethnicities, including Armenians, Greeks, and Assyrians. There were between 3 and 4 million Christians in what is now Turkey—around 20 percent of the total population. They were spread throughout the area, from Thrace in the northwest to the far-eastern regions of Anatolia beyond Lake Van, where Armenians likely outnumbered Turks. By 1924, through three successive waves of massacre, deportation, abduction, and forced conversion, Christians had been reduced to 2 percent of Turkey, and almost all who remained would depart in the following decades. The Thirty-Year Genocide tells the story of this religious cleansing.” - **Source:** <<https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/what-turkey-did-its-christians>>
9. “What a wonderful benediction: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit!” (v. 18)”. - Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1992). Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament (533). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.
10. Pray & Dismiss to the Ordinance of Humility