Galatians chap. 6

The household of faith

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden. 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. 11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. 12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. 13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. 17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Christians do stumble and fall and the spiritual believers are admonished to restore the wayward with a spirit of meekness and gentleness. In my experience every Christian has a slightly different view on sin which can be terribly problematic. When I was a new Christian I used to see the greatest sins as a violation of the law which was a works based understanding of sin. As a mature Christian I now see the greatest sins as a violation of faith and love or the law of Christ where selfishness, doubt and pride separate us from Christ. Now does this mean that the gross and flagrant acts of sin like sexual faults or hatred or greed are ok? No, but those sins are often easily seen by

others where doubt and distrust can lie hidden away in our hearts. Doubting God's goodness and power to save is one of the greatest sins. The Roman centurion who was commended by Jesus for having great faith simply acknowledged the authority of Christ and took him at his word - Matt. 8:5-13. Now this man was an idolater and a hardened soldier with many unsavory habits but all of this was overlooked by Christ on account of his faith.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. Under the new covenant (2Cor. 3:6) we are a new man or woman (Eph. 2:15) of the new birth (1Pet. 1:23) with a new name (Rev. 2:17) serving in a new and living way (Heb. 10:20) with newness of Spirit (Rom. 7:6) by a new commandment of love from Jesus (John 13:34) in the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2) where the BRIDE, the Lamb's wife (Rev. 21:9) will sing a new song (Rev. 14:3) and drink new wine (Matt. 26:29) looking for new heavens and a new earth (2Pet. 3:13). And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. In Colossians we will be delving into the heresy of dispensationalism. In my opinion the two greatest cults of our day are adventism and dispensationalism. Most Christians would agree that adventism is a cult but fewer would admit that dispensationalism is a cult because it is so popular and mainstream. And it just so happens that both groups are into law keeping. Adventists being directly into law keeping and dispensationalists being indirectly into law keeping. The law is the greatest enemy of the church, it was the greatest enemy in the 1st century and it will be the greatest enemy in the last century.

Especially unto them who are of the household of faith. There really is an underworld in Christianity and that underworld is dominated by the clans. Originally all 12 clans were under the Catholic church but in the 11th century the Orthodox church broke away taking 5 clans with them. Then 500 years later the Protestants broke away taking 4 clans with them. So the Catholic church which originally had all 12 clans now has only 3 but those three clans are still some of the most powerful and respected in the clan world. The Protestant clans have their headquarters in England, Germany and two in the United States. I know one of the headquarters is in the northeast because I remember hearing the saying 'the uptown Lady is carving her pumpkins with a jagged knife' but I didn't understand what that meant. The Catholic clans have their headquarters in Italy, France and Spain. The clan high council is overseen by the Italian clan and is located in an old medieval castle that is defended by ten mighty men. The Orthodox clans have their headquarters in Greece, Egypt, Romania and two in Russia. I know one of them is near St. Petersburg because I remember hearing the saying 'all the nuts have vanished away because the Red hourglass owns the forest'. Clans are fond of cryptic sayings that only those in their fellow clan can understand. When I made rank over 20

years ago I was such a problem child that I was sent to a mysterious and lost 13th clan which is especially tailored for hard luck cases like mine.

The first thing that new clan members learn is that at the higher ranks Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants all work together as one harmonious whole within the body of Christ. I can remember on one occasion a new Protestant clan member refused to take orders from an Orthodox clan leader. It was impressed upon the man that absolute necessity of taking orders from higher ranking members even if they are from a different clan but the man refused to obey. The Orthodox clan leader summoned a priest by the name of 'Baqubah' who was an expert in the art of exorcism. However, instead of exorcising any demons out of the man he summoned a legion of demons into the man. The man began screaming hysterically and ran out of the building and was eventually run over by a semi-truck on the highway. Needless to say after that incident all lower level Protestant clan members were very careful to follow orders from Orthodox and Catholic clan leaders. The clan kingdom is meant to be a small slice of heaven here on earth where men and women become acclimated to the society and social life of heaven. Clan women are some of the most beautiful I have ever seen in my whole life and clan men are often handsome with rugged good looks. And if the truth be told clan society is closer to what you would see in Hollywood than what you would find in a convent or monastery. Jesus Christ's true character is much more powerful than most Christians would ever believe.

All clan members are given powers and abilities from the Holy Spirit. Some of these gifts are recorded in scripture but many are not. I became painfully aware of one of these 'gifts' when I was introduced to the Catholic clan elder. I remember he pointed out the window and said what's that! I looked out the window and I didn't see anything and when I turned around I was staring into the bulging green eyes of some hideous fanged creature. It's impossible to describe the terror that went thru my body and I almost went into cardiac arrest. After a few moments he reverted back to his normal face and began laughing hysterically at me. I was tempted to cuss him out but I just laughed it off and took it in stride which is the wisest move to make when one is in the presence of a clan elder. Scare face is one of the highest abilities and is an aspect of God's wrath or vengeance against sin. If the unconverted were ever to look upon someone with the scare face ability they would instantly want to go kill themselves. The female scare faces are even more terrifying than the males and often take the form of horrifying witches or Medusa type creatures. It is believed that many of the vampire, werewolf and witch folklores were started by clan leaders and the reckless use of their powers. The famous novel 'Dracula' is based loosely on the exploits of an Orthodox clan elder from the middle ages. So the next time you see that blockbuster vampire movie or TV series remember

there really are creatures of the night who howl at the full moon and stalk their prey with glowing eyes and dripping fangs.