

Scriptural Benevolence – *(Gal 6:10)*

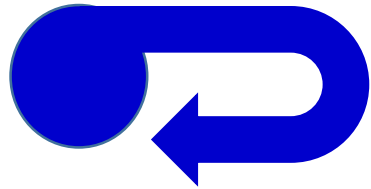
**Question: To whom
does this apply?**

***Individuals* can give to
most anybody. *All agree.***

**Is there scriptural
precedence for
churches to
give to just
Anybody?**



Biblical Pattern: Churches to Saints in **Need**



Jerusalem
Saints

(Acts 2:42) **All who believed** were together & had all things common... sharing w/all

(Acts 4:34-35) **Not a needy person among them**.. Owners would sell them & lay proceeds at apostles' feet... dist to each



Antioch

Judean Saints

(Acts 11:29-30) Send **Relief of brethren** in Judea.. Sending it to the **elders** by Barnabas...



Corinth

Jerusalem Saints

(1 Cor 16:1-2) Concerning the **collection for the saints** v.3

(2 Cor 8:4) Support of **saints**

(Rom 15:26) Poor among **saints**

Is Galatians 6 *Church or Individual Action?*

True, Gal 1:2

Is Addressed to Churches of Galatia

Now is Galatians 6 Church Action?

Gal 6:1^a “Even if a man is caught in any trespass, you [*Individuals*] who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of meekness”

Gal 6:1^b *Each one* looking to yourself, [*Indiv not church*] lest you too be tempted.

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Gal 6:2 Bear *one another's* [Individual's] burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

Gal 6:3 For if anyone thinks *he* is something when he is nothing, *he* deceives himself. (*singular pronouns*)

John 13:34 Love *one another*

Jas 2:8 Royal Law *Love neighbor*

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Gal 6:4 But let *each one* examine *his own* work, and then *he will* have reason for boasting in regard to *himself alone*, and not in regard to another.

Gal 6:5 For each *one* shall bear *his* own load.

Every single thing in this verse is ***INDIVIDUAL*** not church action!

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Gal 6:6 And let the **one** who is taught the word share all good things with **him** who teaches.

Some say that since we no longer pay *preachers 2 chickens for a sermon*, you don't have to observe this at all.

This Underscores **INDIVIDUAL** responsibility, doesn't eliminate it.

And Phil 4:16 shows *congregational* preacher's pay is *also scriptural*.

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Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever **a man** sows, this **he** will also reap.

8 For the **one** who sows to **his** own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the **one** who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

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Gal 6:9 And let **us** not lose heart in doing good, for in due time **we** shall *reap* if **we** do not grow weary.

We just learned in the immediate, previous verse that it was the **INDIVIDUALS** that did the reaping and sowing,
Not Churches!

Is Galatians 6 *Church* or *Individual Action*?

Gal 6:10 “*So then*” Greek <Oun> 3767

NIV “*Therefore*”: A conclusion based on the foregoing material & connects it logically.

Gal 6:10 *So then*, while **we** have opportunity, let **us** do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

All 9 preceding verses deal with **INDIVIDUAL** action & connect logically with v10.

This verse gives NO authority for *churches* to donate to *non-Christian* humanitarian causes.