

# **PBC Growing in Christ**



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# Class Norms

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.



# Growing in Christ

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- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



# Growing in Christ

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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*





# Serve

## Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5,10

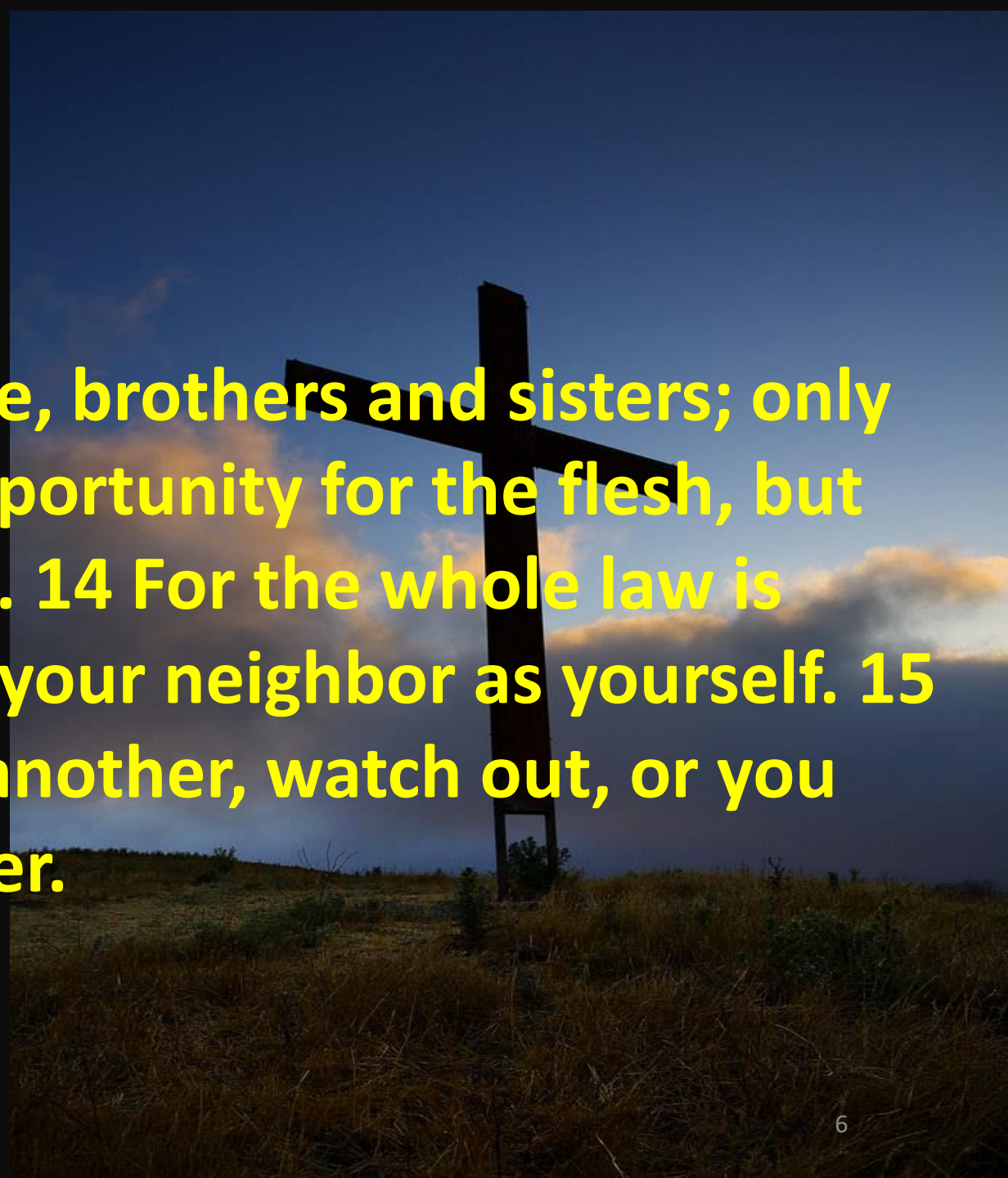
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**When have you received  
stellar service?**

**Scripture  
Serve  
Galatians 5:13-15**

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**13 For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.**







## **Serve**

### **Galatians 5:13-15**

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**What's the connection between freedom in Christ and the command to serve?**

**How have you seen relationships strengthened through acts of service?**



# Serve

## Galatians 5:13-15

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- Paul distinguishes between freedom to sin and freedom to serve.
- When believers lose the motivation to love, we become critical of others.
- This type of “self-service” is not necessarily bad, but Paul challenged us to serve others just as we serve ourselves.
- We “serve” our needs. Likewise, we can serve others when they have needs. Make everyday investments in others until it becomes a natural way of doing your life.



# Scripture Serve Galatians 6:1-5

**1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. 2 Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone considers himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 Let each person examine his own work, and then he can take pride in himself alone, and not compare himself with someone else. 5 For each person will have to carry his own load.**



## **Serve**

### **Galatians 6:1-5**

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**How have you seen these verses put into practice recently?**

**What have you learned when someone helped you carry a personal burden?**

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# Christian Love

## Galatians 6:1-5

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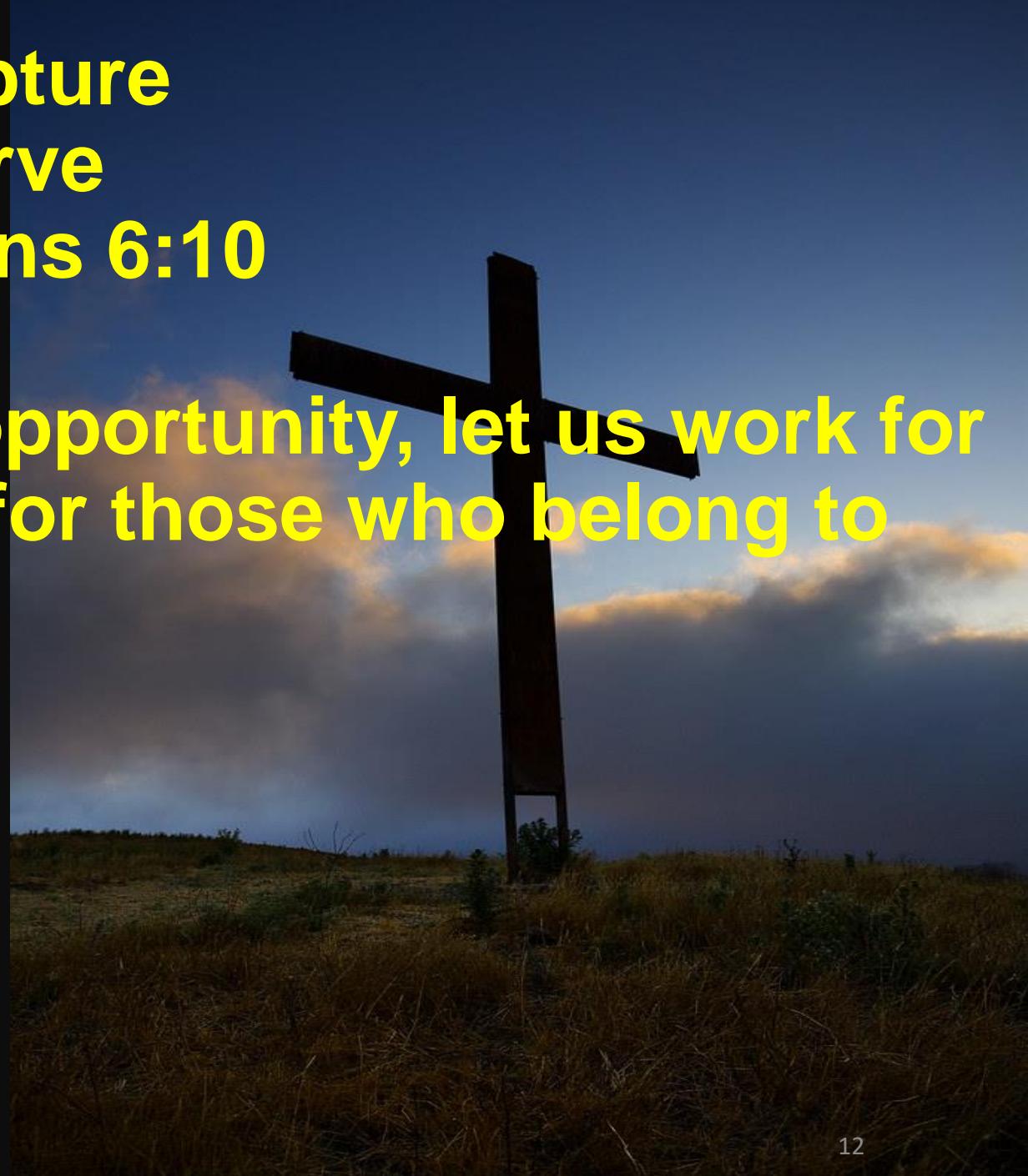
- Strong relationships call for us to help carry loads.
- It's still my load to carry, but by coming alongside and helping me carry it, you ease my strain.
- In a sense, my burden becomes your burden as we carry it together.



**Scripture  
Serve  
Galatians 6:10**

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**10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.**





# Serve

## Galatians 6:10

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**What opportunities exist for our group to serve others?**

**How can we structure our lives to be ready to serve others?**



# Serve

## Galatians 6:10

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- Our needs, as well as our gifts and abilities to serve and minister, can vary, but each of us is equally called to “work for the good of all.”
- All that remains for us to do is to open our eyes and hearts to see the needs and go for it!





# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Thank someone.** Consider the person who served you, confronted you in love, or helped you carry a burden. Contact him or her and express your appreciation.
- **Restore someone.** If a friend or family member is in the midst of sinful behavior or has made a bad decision, ask God for wisdom and direction on the best way to lovingly talk with the person. Act on your prayer.
- **Serve someone.** As a group, identify individuals whom you could walk alongside and help ease their burden. Use this as an opportunity to love and bring them into your group.



# Final thoughts about Serve

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- Paul drove home the need for tangible forms of service: “Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
- Christians are challenged to sow seeds in the forever field of Christian community.
- Paul mentioned the need to demonstrate love to all, but he stressed the importance of Christians investing in other Christians.
- Relationships inside the church are held at the highest level. “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.”

# Resources

- **BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**
- **[Bible.com](http://Bible.com)**







**Next Week: February 28, 2021**  
**Lenten Season**

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**To Study the Lenten Season**



# God Bless You!

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