

Symmetrical Structures in Gal. 5:13-6:10

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A. Overview

Three major structures dominate this section:

1. A chiasm from 5:13 through 6:2
2. An alternation from 6:1 through 6:5. Theme: correcting error in believers' lives.
3. Another chiasm (or at least, inclusio), 6:6-10. Theme: providing for other believers.

B. First Chiasm, 5:13-6:2

1. The believer's true law: love to others
The outmost element in each panel is itself an alternation.

a) Appeal to them as brothers

_5.13,, A)DELFOI/... _6.1,, *)ADELFOI/,

b) Exercise liberty, not in flesh, but in spirit (Syntagmatic division)

*(UMEI=J GA\R E)P'	E)A\N KAI\ PROLHMFQH=,1
E)LEUQERI/A,1	<VSAP--ZS> A)/NQRWPOJ
E)KLH/QHTE <VIAP--YP> ,	E)/N TINI PARAPTW/MATI,
A)DELFOI/: MO/NON MH\	U(MEI=J OI(
TH\N E)LEUQERI/AN EI)J	PNEUMATIKOI\
A)FORMH\N TH=,1	KATARTI/ZETE <VMPA--YP>
SARKI/ ,	TO\N TOIOU=TON E)N
	PNEU/MATI PRAU/+THTOJ ,
	SKOPW=N <VRPANMYS>
	SEAUTO/N, MH\ KAI\ SU\
	PEIRASQH=,1J
	<VSAP--YS> .

c) Serve one another.

A)LLA\ DIA\ TH=J	6.2,, *)ALLH/LWN TA\
A)GA/PHJ DOULEU/ETE	BA/RH BASTA/ZETE
<VMPA--YP> A)LLH/LOIJ.	<VMPA--YP> ,

d) The true law

5.14,, O(GA\R PA=J	KAI\ OU(/TWJ
NO/MOJ E)N E(NI\	A)NAPLHRW/SETE
LO/GW,1 PEPLH/RWTAI	<VIFA--YP> TO\N NO/MON
<VIRP--ZS> , E)N TW=,1	TOU= *XRISTOU=.
\$(*)AGAPH/SEIJ	
<VIFA--YS,VMPA--YS>	
\$TO\N \$PLHSI/ON \$SOU	
\$W(J \$SEAUTO/N.	

2. The problem of strife among believers

5.15,, EI) DE\
A)LLH/LOUJ DA/KNETE
<VIPA--YP> KAI\
KATESQI/ETE <VIPA--YP>,
BLE/PETE <VMPA--YP> MH\
U(P' A)LLH/LWN
A)NALWQH=TE <VSAP--YP>.

5.26,, MH\ GINW/MEQA
<VSPN--XP> KENO/DOCOI,
A)LLH/LOUJ
PROKALOU/MENOI
<VPPMNMXP>, A)LLH/LOIJ
FQONOU=NTEJ <VPPANMXP>.

3. Need for an active obedience to the Spirit, in addition to passively enjoying the life that he gives.

_5.16,, *LE/GW
<VIPA--XS> DE/
PNEU/MATI PERIPATEI=TE
<VMPA--YP> KAI\
E)PIQUMI/AN SARKO\J OU)
MH\ TELE/SHTE
<VSAA--YP>.

5.25,, EI) ZW=MEN
<VIPA--XP> PNEU/MATI,
PNEU/MATI KAI\
STOIXW=MEN <VSPA--XP>.

4. The conflict between flesh and Spirit, and how to resolve it.

5.17,, H(GA\R SA\RC
E)PIQUMEI= <VIPA--ZS>
KATA\ TOU= PNEU/MATOJ,
TO\ DE\ PNEU=MA KATA\
TH=J SARKO/J: TAU=TA
GA\R A)LLH/LOIJ
A)NTI/KEITAI
<VIPN--ZS>, I(/NA MH\
A(\ E)A\N QE/LHTE
<VSPA--YP> TAU=TA
POIH=TE <VSPA--YP>.

5.24,, OI(DE\ TOU=
XRISTOU= ")IHSOU= !
TH\N SA/RKA
E)STAU/RWSAN <VIAA--ZP>
SU\N TOI=J PAQH/MASIN
KAI\ TAI=J
E)PIQUMI/AIJ.

5. Freedom from law in the Spiritual regime

5.18,, EI) DE\
PNEU/MATI A)/GESQE
<VIPP--YP>, OU)K E)STE\
<VIPA--YP> U(PO\
NO/MON.

KATA\ TW=N TOIOU/TWN
OU)K E)/STIN <VIPA--ZS>
NO/MOJ.

6. Catalogs of fleshly and spiritual activities

5.19,, FANERA\ DE/
E)STIN <VIPA--ZS> TA\
E)/RGA TH=J SARKO/J,
A(/TINA/ E)STIN
<VIPA--ZS> PORNEI/A,
A)KAQARSI/A,
A)SE/LGEIA, 5.20,,
EI)DWLOLATRI/A,
FARMAKEI/A, E)/XQRAI,
E)/RIJ, ZH=LOJ, QUMOI/
E)RIQEI/AI,
DIXOSTASI/AI,
AI(RE/SEIJ, 5.21,,
FQO/NOI, ME/QAI,

_5.22,, *(O DE\ KARPO\J
TOU= PNEU/MATO/J E)STIN
<VIPA--ZS> A)GA/PH,
XARA/, EI)RH/NH,
MAKROQUMI/A,
XRHSTO/THJ,
A)GAQWSU/NH, PI/STIJ,
5.23,, PRAU/+THJ,
E)GKRA/TEIA:

KW=MOI, KAI\ TA\
O(/MOIA TOU/TOIJ,

7. Center: judgment on those following the Flesh.

A(\ PROLE/GW <VIPA--XS>
U(MI=N KAQW\J PROEI=PON
<VIAA--XS> O(/TI OI(
TA\ TOIAU=TA
PRA/SSONTEJ <VPPANM-P>
BASILEI/AN QEOU= OU)
KLHRONOMH/SOUSIN
<VIFA--ZP>.

C. **Alternation between 6:1-2 and 6:3-5**

Theme: correcting error in believers' lifes.

Combines examination of others with examination of one's self, per Matt. 7:5 and 1 Cor. 11:27,29 (though in reverse order here).

1. The Cause (the error): trespass vs. pride.

_6.1,, *)ADELFOI/, E)A\N	6.3,, EI) GA\R DOKEI=
KAI\ PROLHMFQH=,1	<VIPA--ZS> TIJ EI)=NAI/
<VSAP--ZS> A)/NQRWPOJ	<VNPA> TI MHDE\N W)/N
E)/N TINI PARAPTW/MATI,	<VPPANM-S>, FRENAPATA=,1
	<VIPA--ZS> E(AUTO/N:

2. The Correction: external correction vs. self examination

U(MEI=J OI(PNEUMATIKOI\ KATARTI/ZETE <VMPA--YP>	6.4,, TO\ DE\ E)/RGON
TO\N TOIOU=TON E)N	E(AUTOU= DOKIMAZE/TW
PNEU/MATI PRAU/+THTOJ,	<VMPA--ZS> E(/KASTOJ,

3. The Caution: need to consider oneself in both cases

SKOPW=N <VRPANMYS>	KAI\ TO/TE EI)J E(AUTO\N
SEAUTO/N, MH\ KAI\ SU\ PEIRASQH=,1J <VSAP--YS>.	MO/NON TO\ KAU/XHMA E(/CEI <VIFA--ZS> KAI\ OU)K EI)J TO\N E(/TERON:

4. The Cost: Bearing burdens

6.2,, *)ALLH/LWN TA\ BA/RH BASTA/ZETE <VMPA--YP>, KAI\ OU(/TWJ A)NAPLHRW/SETE <VIFA--YP> TO\N NO/MON TOU= *XRISTOU=.	6.5,, E(/KASTOJ GA\R TO\ I)/DION FORTI/ON BASTA/SEI <VIFA--ZS,VMPA--ZS>.
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D. **Second Chiasm, 6:6-10**

Theme: Providing for one another

1. Sharing (keyword "good") with other believers: teachers, household of faith, all men.

6.6,, *KOINWNEI/TW <VMPA--ZS> DE\ O(KATHXOU/MENOJ	6.10,, A)/RA OU)=N W(J KAIRO\N E)/XOMEN <VIPA--XP>,
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<VPPPNM-S> TO\N LO/GON
TW=,1 KATHXOU=NTI
<VPPADM-S> E)N PA=SIN
A)GAQOI=J.

E)RGAZW/MEQA <VSPN--XP>
TO\ A)GAQO\N PRO\J
PA/NTAJ, MA/LISTA DE\
PRO\J TOU\J OI)KEI/OUJ
TH=J PI/STEWJ.

2. Sowing and harvest metaphor, developed and then applied.

6.7,, *MH\ PLANA=SQE
<VMPP--YP>, QEO\J OU)
MUKTHRI/ZETAI
<VIPP--ZS>: O(\ GA\R
E)A\N SPEI/RH,1
<VSAA--ZS/VSPA--ZS>
A)/NQRWPOJ, TOU=TO
KAI\ QERI/SEI
<VIFA--ZS>: 6.8,, O(/TI
O(SPEI/RWN <VPPANM-S>
EI)J TH\N SA/RKA
E(AUTOU= E)K TH=J
SARKO\J QERI/SEI
<VIFA--ZS> FQORA/N, O(
DE\ SPEI/RWN <VPPANM-S>
EI)J TO\ PNEU=MA E)K
TOU= PNEU/MATOJ
QERI/SEI <VIFA--ZS>
ZWH\N AI)W/NION.

6.9,, TO\ DE\ KALO\N
POIOU=NTEJ <VPPANMXP>
MH\ E)GKAKW=MEN
<VSPA--XP>, KAIRW=,1
GA\R I)DI/W,1
QERI/SOMEN <VIFA--XP>
MH\ E)KLUO/MENOI
<VPPPNMXP>.