**Glory in the Cross**

*Galatians 6:11-16*

**Context**

Paul is writing to the church in the northern area of Galatia to address a central issue of salvation. This epistle “stands like a sentinel over the truth that salvation is the gift of God’s grace, unearned and underserved, to be received by faith alone (2:15, 16). Indeed, faith itself is God’s free gift (1:3, 6, 15; 2:19, 21; 6:18). Quite simply, this is the truth of the gospel” (2:5, 14)”(The Reformation Study Bible).

**We are to glory in the Cross and our salvation. The Galatians were focused on (glorifying) the wrong things.**

**Galatians 1:6-8**—*I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!*

## **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things to glorifyWhy does this matter?**

## Because it’s a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_deal

## **Galatians 6:11-13**—*See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.* ***12****Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.* ***13****For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.*

### Because it brings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh

**Galatians 6:13b-14a**—**…***so that they may boast in your flesh* ***14****But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ…*

### Because it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 6:12**—*Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.*

**1 Peter 1:6-9**—*In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,* ***7****so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;* ***8****and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,* ***9****obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.*

**Matthew 10:32**—*Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.*

1. Because it makes you think you’re “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” than others

**Galatians 6:13** —*For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.*

## **II. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_ **things to glorify**

## **Why is focusing on the right things so important?**

**Philippians 3:8**—*More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ*

### Because the world has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to us

**Galatians 6:14**—*But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

**Philippians 3:9**—*and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith*

**2 Thessalonians 1:7b-9a**—…*the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction*

### Because it offers us life now and for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 6:15**—*For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.*

 **2 Corinthians 5:17**—*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come*

### Because it brings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 6:16**—*And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.*

## **Next Steps**

1. Be sure that your salvation is secure.
2. Do you talk to others about God? Do you express excitement in what the Lord is doing in your life and the lives of others?
3. Look for ways to embrace the challenges today as a way to grow to be more like Christ.
4. Ask God to reveal things in your life that displease Him and build your kingdom verses His. Then repent and thank Him for His faithful love, mercy, forgiveness and grace.