

Title: Boasting in The Flesh

Text: Galatians 6:11-13

Main Idea: Do not boast in the flesh, but the cross of Christ!

Division Statements:

[Note, verse 11 was covered at the same time as 4:14&15]

1. Those who glory in the flesh are motivated by personal pride (v. 12a).

“Good showing”, εὐπροσωπέω, - “to look well.” The Judaizers wanted to impress others with how spiritual they looked.

2. Those who glory in the flesh are cowards (v. 12b).

Another hidden motive of the Judaizers is revealed here. The Jewish at the time Paul is writing had a protected status in the Roman Empire. If the Judaizers adhered to the external requirements of Mosaic law, then they could legitimately claim to be a part of this religion and avoid persecution as Christians.

3. Those who glory in the flesh are hypocrites (v. 13).

The Judaizers were did not “keep the law” themselves. Thus they were hypocrites, who simply wanted to boast in the number of converts they had managed to win.

Bridging From Text To Sermon

Textual Idea: Paul reveals the wretched hearts of the Judaizers who glory in the flesh.

Sermon Proposition: Do not boast in the flesh, but the cross of Christ!

Interrogative: How do we know if we are among those who boast in the flesh?

Transition: The Spirit gives three powerful descriptions of those who boast in the flesh.

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