

Title: Boast In The Cross Alone

Text: Galatians 6:14-18

Main Idea: Boast only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Division Statements:

1. Those who glory in the cross are motivated by freedom from the world (v. 14).

When Paul says, “by whom the world has been crucified to me.” “World” does not refer to the physical material system, neither does it refer to people as in John 3:16 for whom Paul is laboring and giving himself that they might hear the Gospel. Rather it refers to the evil world system with it’s rebellion against God and unholy way of living and thinking. When Paul first trusted Christ, he died to worldliness and the world died to him as well in the sense of John 15:19.

2. Those who glory in the cross exalt God’s power (v. 15).

Circumcision or uncircumcision are the works of man, but “a new creation” is solely the work of God.

3. Those who glory in the cross receive peace and mercy (vv. 16-18).

Note that this is not peace and mercy from the world as the context (especially verse 17) makes clear, but peace and mercy from God.. You might add grace (v. 18) to the division statement if you choose, but I believe the word grace in this context encompasses all of Paul’s desire and hope for the letter as the Holy Spirit takes this word and brings it to bear on their hearts, excising the Judaizer’s heresy from the midst of the churches that the true Gospel might shine forth. “Israel of God,” is a clear reference to the true church and takes us back to 3:9&29.

Bridging From Text To Sermon

Textual Idea: Paul reveals that his own heart, unlike the Judaizers was to glory in the cross of Christ alone.

Sermon Proposition: Boast only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Interrogative: How do I know if I’m boasting in the cross alone?

Transition: God gives us three descriptions of those who boast in the cross alone.

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