

“Are you Trusting and Boasting in the Cross of Christ?”

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Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Book Context- The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit through God’s grace without following the law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves on to prove this by showing the background of God’s covenant with Abraham prior to Moses. The Law came after God’s promise to Moses and was to last **until** Jesus arrived. Everyone who expresses faith have become heirs of God’s original promise. Paul moves from biblical and logical argument to personal friendship based on integrity and mutual love. We are reminded again that we are not under the law which is a form of slavery. We are **free** children, like Isaac, through the Spirit. If you seek to trust in the law, you are cut off from Christ and salvation. We need to be aware of those that seek to hinder us from trusting in the grace of the cross. Obedience is the natural fruit of faith in the gospel of grace which is led by the Holy Spirit. As we rely on Him moment by moment, we will not be fleshy. Instead we will be obedient, humble, loving while doing good financially to our fellow believers. We should only rely on Jesus’ completed work on the cross.

Gal. 5:11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the **offense of the cross** has been removed.

LESSON 1- Eternal life is not rooted in human efforts, but solely in the CROSS

- A. The cross of Christ is a deciding factor of praise or PERSECUTION (Gal 6:11-13; 1:10; **5:11**; John 12:43; Rom 9:30-33; Matt 21:42)
- B. The cross of Christ forces us to realize that it only is worth BOASTING (Gal 6:14a; **5:2, 6**; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Phil 3:1-9)
- C. The cross of Christ is a new creation for all and comes with SUFFERING (Gal 6:14b-18; “Crucified”- 2:20; 3:1; 5:24; Phil 1:29; Luke 9:23-25)

Theological Application:

1. *God has given us one way to be reconciled to Him. Are you trusting in it or your own resume?*
2. *Have you accepted with joy, the wisdom of God in allowing the cross in your life to precede the glory of the coming Kingdom? (**Heb 12:1-4**)*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples