

The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians

The Cross of Christ and a New Creation

Galatians 6:11-18

1. **The Poverty of Hypocrisy** (Gal. 6:12-13)

The Judaizers who were compelling the Galatian Christians to keep the Law were themselves not keeping the Law. The Galatian believers, and all Christians since, must carefully remember that full obedience to the Law is both impossible and ineffective for earning the favor of God (cf. Luke 17:7-10).

2. **The Primacy of the Cross** (Gal. 6:14-15)

Paul's theology for all of life is centered around the importance of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. This is to be our only boast and our primary perspective for life.

A. 1 Cor. 1:17

B. 1 Cor. 2:2

C. Gal. 5:11

D. Eph 2:16

E. Phil 3:18

F. Col. 1:20

G. Col. 2:14

3. **The Peace of Belonging** (Gal. 6:16-18)

Paul opened the letter with a strong condemnation for any who would preach a false gospel (Gal. 1:6ff), and now he ends the letter with a commendation for those who listen to his teaching.