

## The Cross – Worth Boasting About!

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Galatians 6:11-18

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### Paul's Wrapup

- A personal letter - own hand - pay attention to what I've written!
- The Gospel is offensive: v12-13
  - to liberal minded folks - gospel is intolerant due to exclusiveness In14:6
  - to conservative minded - good people & bad people need the Gospel
  - eliminates self-salvation – Gospel is by grace through faith alone
- Others worship a false savior - the approval of others
  - legalism never works – we will fail James 2:10
  - the law summarized is deadly to us – *'love your neighbor as yourself'*
  - Religion based on externals & behavior won't save – only faith in Christ!

### What Are YOU Boasting About?

- Boast only in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ 14
- Boast in Christ's perfection on your behalf
- Boasting is "verbalizing what we put our confidence in"
- Everyone boasts:
  - Some boast in things - This will bring me happiness
  - Some boast in self - I can do it, I'm good enough
  - Some boast in others – they control my destiny (victim)
- Boast only in the Cross, not the Cross plus something you attempt to add

### Crucified to the world

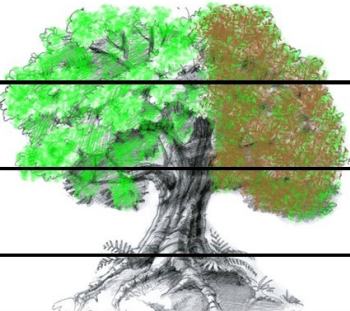
- Cross kills the deadly thoughts of this world
- Remember: "Sin is any lie we believe about God". Lies of the world:
  - God is not great, so therefore I must be in control...
  - God is not glorious, so I should fear...
  - God is not good, so I must get satisfaction elsewhere...
  - God is not gracious, so I must prove myself to Him & others...
- Gospel points us to the Root to Fruit Exercise
  - Gospel should change our thinking 2 Cor 10:3-7
  - We are to live as New Creations 15 (2 Cor 5:17)
  - Boasting in the Cross of Christ means constantly do the Fruit to Root Exercise.

### An Amazing Promise of Peace

- We will experience Peace & Mercy as Abraham's heirs: Gal 3:7,9
- We are part of the Israel of God - God's plan from the beginning!
- All by His Amazing Grace – so **BOAST ABOUT IT!**

## Practicing the Gospel so you can **BOAST** about it!

### From Fruit to Root Exercise: Gal 5:19-21 (unbelief); 22-25 (gospel)

Area of Unbelief or Struggle →	<i>Write or talk it out in all its gory detail</i>
What am I doing or experiencing right now?	
In light of that, what do I believe about myself?	
What do I believe God is doing or has done?	
What do I believe God is like?	

### From Root to Fruit Exercise:

Area of Unbelief or Struggle →	
Who is God?	List as many things as you can about God's identity that relate to your area of unbelief or struggle: God is love, just, etc.
What has God done?	How has God proven each answer to the previous question in his work in the world and thru the person and work of Jesus?
Who am I in light of God's work?	List as many true statements about who you are that you can think of
How should I live in light of who I am?	What beliefs are you experiencing in light of the first 3 questions? How do you see them changing you?