

Galatians 6:11-18— The Rule of the Gospel

Warm-Up Question:

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3 Diagnostic Questions to Determine How You're Living According to the Gospel

I. WHAT IS MY BOAST?

- ▶ What were the things that the Galatians were tempted to boast (v. 13-14) in?
- ▶ What do you tend to “boast” in? (The word points us to think of things that tend to bring you most pride, engross your imagination, absorb your time & energy)
- ▶ What did Paul mean that he boasts in the cross (v. 14)? How would they 1st century readers read that?
- ▶ What do you think it means to live “crucified” to the world? Implications in life?

II. WHAT IS MY FOCUS?

- ▶ How were the Galatian Christians tempted to focus on the outside (external behavior) verses the inside (heart) (v. 13, 15)?
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 16:7, Ps. 147:10-11, Luke 6:45, 12:34, 16:15, John 7:38. What should be our focus, and how do we focus on it?

III. WHAT IS MY EXPECTATION?

- ▶ What is one reason some focused on the external from v. 12? Are there ways focusing on external behavior lead to avoiding persecution now?
- ▶ From v. 17, John 15:18-19, Acts 5:41, Rom. 5:3, 1 Peter 4:13, what should be our expectation in boasting in the cross of Christ & living crucified to the world?
- ▶ V. 18 ends with “the grace” of Jesus. Spend time thinking of how his grace is needed and how it is offered and applied to us in abundance.

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

Quotes by Martin Luther on Galatians:

“The Gospel is true because it deprives men of all glory, wisdom, and righteousness and turns over all honor to the Creator alone. It is safer to attribute too much glory unto God than unto man.”

“To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.”

“God does not slack his promises because of our sins... or hasten them because of our righteousness and merits. He pays no attention to either.”

“My neighbor is every person, especially those who need my help, as Christ explained in the tenth chapter of Luke. Even if a person has done me some wrong, or has hurt me in any way, he is still a human being with flesh and blood. As long as a person remains a human being, so long is he to be an object of our love.”

“We find no rest for our weary bones unless we cling to the word of grace.”

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