

**Boasting Only in the Cross**

Galatians 6:11-18

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**Being %Compelled+Toward Law-works**

**Galatians 6:11, 12** (NASB)

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh **try to compel you** to be circumcised, simply **so that they will not be persecuted** for the cross of Christ.

- > The %large letters+signify importance of the material, not bad eyesight
- > %Compel+is found three times in Galatians

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**Human Law-Givers Are Law Breakers**

**Galatians 6:13** (NASB)

For those who are circumcised do **not even keep the Law themselves**, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

- > Jesus rebukes false law-givers and hypocrites in Matthew 23
- > They were looking for converts to their religion of Law-works so they could enhance their own status in the eyes of others

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**Paul Only Boasts in the Cross**

**Galatians 6:14, 15** (NASB)

But may it never be that I would **boast**, except **in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but **a new creation**.

- **It is what Christ has done for us**, not what we think we will do for God
- Through the cross we enter the new creation by faith (Ephesians 2:8-10)

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**A Blessing on Those Who Reject Law-Works and Accept the New Creation**

**Galatians 6:16** (NASB)

And those who will **walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them**, and upon the **Israel of God**.

- **Walk**+is *stoicheo*\_ which is **keep in step with**+as in Galatians 5:25
- The **rule**+is the rule of the New Creation and means **measure**+
- **Israel of God**+is used only here in NT for the faithful church

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**Galatians Has Grace From Beginning to End**

**Galatians 6:17, 18** (NASB)

From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus. **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

- Paul was scarred from physical beatings inflicted on him for preaching the gospel
- Paul uses **grace**+in his salutation as well (Galatians 1:3)

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Implications and Applications

- > Do not be %compelled+to please human law-givers
- > Boast only in God and His Crucified Messiah
- > God's New Creation Blessing is on those who receive the Spirit by Faith (Galatians 3:2)

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Do Not Be %Compelled+to Please Human Law-Givers

**Luke 11:46** (NASB)

But He said, %Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.+

- > Paul sought to %compel+Christians before his conversion (Acts 26:10-11)
- > The Judaizers require obedience to themselves as a condition for fellowship

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Believers Are Crucified with Christ and Only Boast in That

**Romans 6:6** (NASB)

knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

- > Boast in the Lord: %so that, just as it is written, let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.% (1Co. 1:31)
- > The cross demonstrates substitution (1Peter 3:18)

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We Need to Believe the Gospel to Be  
Part of the New Creation

**Ephesians 2:8-10** (NASB)

For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For **we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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Cursed by Works or Blessed by Faith

Works	Faith
1. No Justification (Gal. 2:16)	1. Justified (Gal. 2:16)
2. Cursed (3:10, 13)	2. Blessed (3:9)
3. Imprisoned (3:22, 23)	3. Redeemed (3:13)
4. Under Guard (3:23)	4. Received the Spirit (3:14)
5. Under Custody (3:24, 25)	5. Brothers in Christ (3:15)
6. Slave Status (4:1)	6. Believe the Promise (3:22)
7. Under Guardians (4:2)	7. Released from Prison (3:23)
8. Under Stewards (4:2)	8. New Status in Christ (3:27)
9. Slaves to the <i>Stoichea</i> (4:3, 9)	9. No Longer under <i>Stoichea</i> (4:3-7)
10. Enslaved to Idols (4:8)	10. Sons & Heirs of Christ (4:7)
11. Of the flesh (4:23)	11. Of the Promise (4:23)
12. Under a Yoke (5:1)	12. Free in Christ (5:1)

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