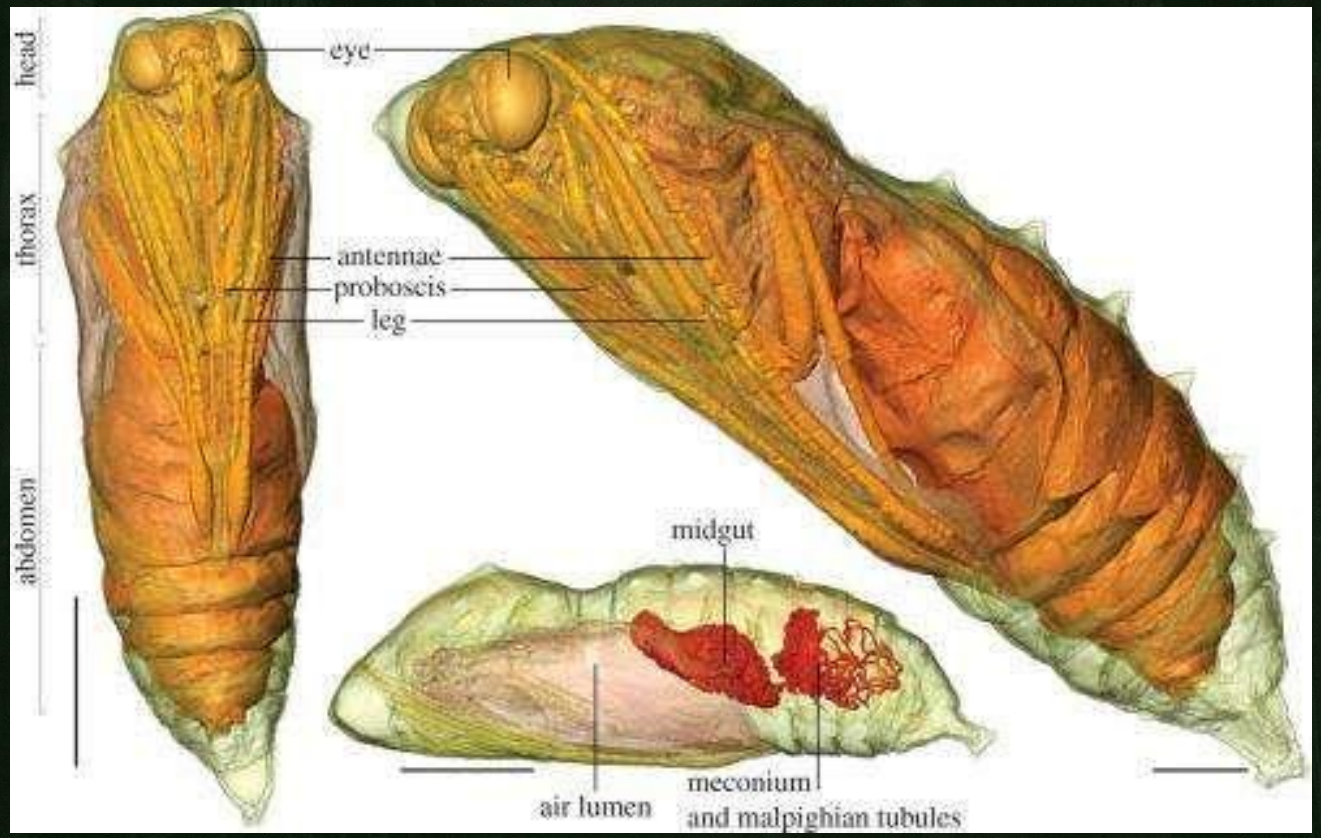

THE BOOK OF
GALATIANS
STAND
FIRM
IN THE GOSPEL
OF GRACE


Boast in the Freedom of the Cross
Galatians 6:11-18
THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM
IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM
IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Galatians Review

1. The true gospel defended (1:1-2:21)
    a. Greetings (1:1-1:5)
    b. The distortion of the true gospel (1:6-1:9)
    c. The revelation and affirmation of the true gospel (1:10-2:10)
    d. The hypocrisy of Peter (2:11-2:14)
    e. Justification is by faith, not by works (2:15-2:21)
2. The true gospel explained (3:1-4:31)
    a. Righteousness comes through faith, not works (3:1-14)
    b. The relationship between the law and the promise (3:15-3:29)
    c. Not slaves but heirs in Christ (4:1-4:11)
    d. Become as I am: Paul's heartfelt cry (4:12-4:20)
    e. The allegory of the bondwoman and the free woman (4:21-4:31)
3. The true gospel applied (5:1-6:18)
    a. Stand firm in the freedom won by Christ (5:1-5:15)
    b. Walk by the Spirit, not by the flesh (5:16-6:10)
    c. Boast in the freedom of the cross (6:11-6:18)

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Galatians Main Point

- Paul defends the true gospel against the false gospel of the judaizers.
- Paul explains that the true gospel was God's plan all along.
- Paul exhorts the galatians to live by way of the true gospel, not by works.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Gal 6:11-18

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own
hand! 12 All who want 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. 13 For those who are circumcised
do not even keep the Law themselves, but they want to have you
circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it
from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the
world.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM
IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Gal 6:11-18 (cont.)

15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 And all who will follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Paul's Hands - His sincere passion

- The hands of a persecutor - Phil 3:6

  as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

- The hands of a tentmaker - Acts 8:3

  But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

- The hands of an author - Gal 6:11

  See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Gal 6:12-14

12 All who want 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. 13 For those who are circumcised do not even
keep the Law themselves, but they want to have you circumcised so
that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it from me to boast,
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world
has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

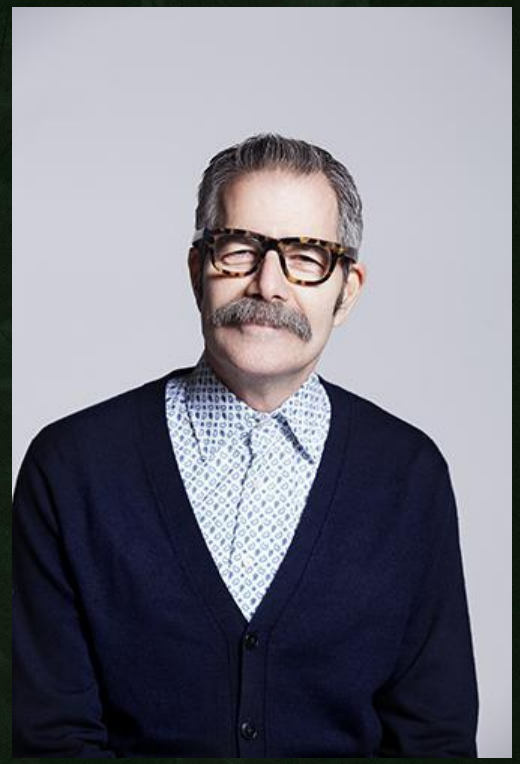
THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM
IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Those who Boast in the Flesh

- The Judaizers are “those who want to make a good showing in the flesh”.
- Their root desire is to avoid persecution.
- They are hypocrites, not even really keeping the law themselves.
- We each need to ask ourselves, “does this describe me?”

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

This truth needs to be considered and needs to shape everything you do as a parent: *If rules and regulations had the power to change the heart and life of your child, rescuing your child from himself and giving him a heart of submission and faith, Jesus would have never needed to come!* You see what you assign the power of change to will then shape the way you parent your children in all of those mundane and not-so-mundane moments that end up forming who they are as they leave your home.



Paul David Tripp

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Those who Boast in the Cross

- Paul doesn't need to "make a good showing in the flesh" - Gal 1:10

> *For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

- Paul embraces persecution - Rom 5:3

> *And not only this, but we also celebrate in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;*

- Paul's perfect record regarding the law is less than worthless to him - Phil 3:8

> *for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them mere rubbish, so that I may gain Christ,*

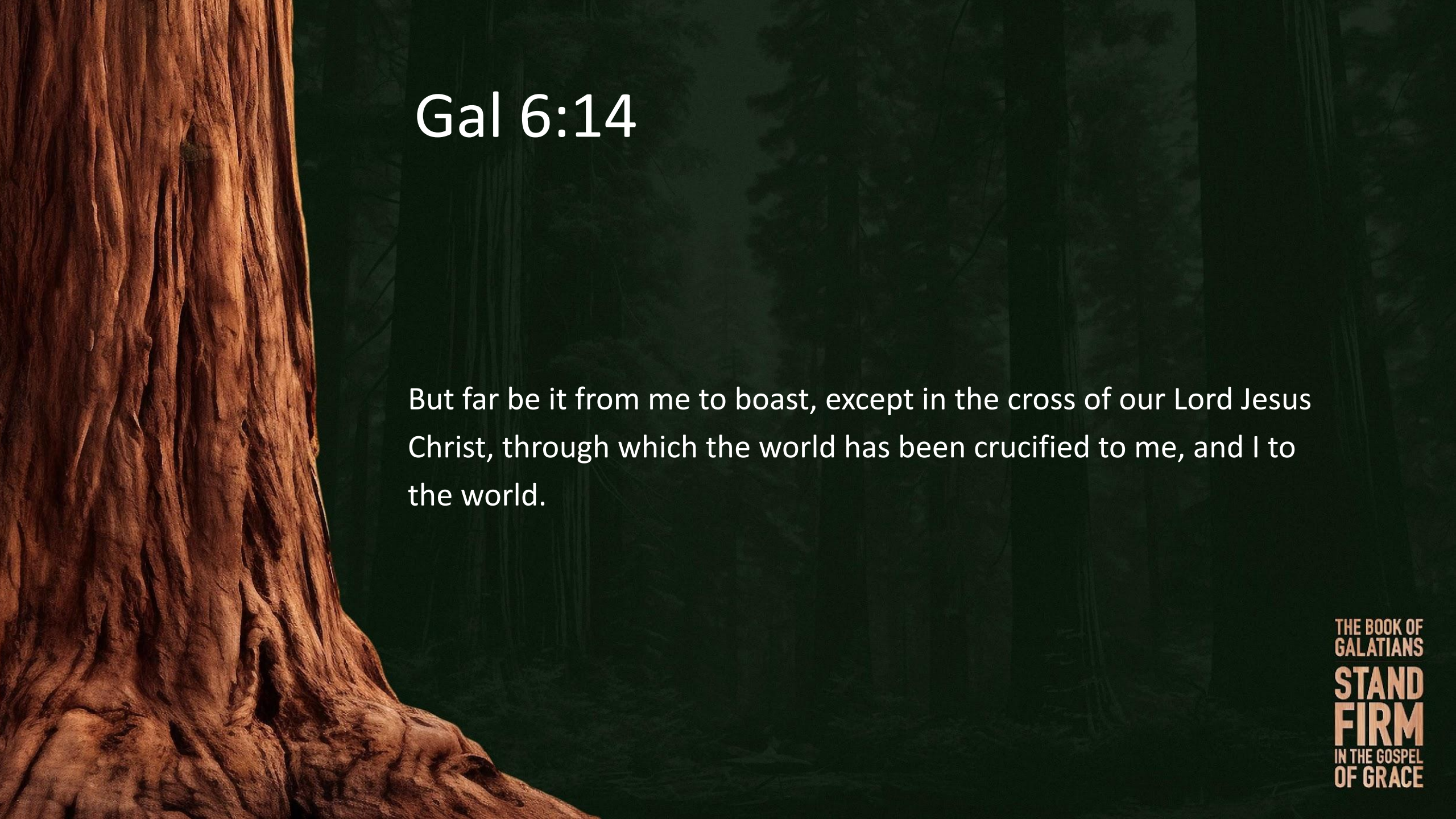


THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Gal 6:14

But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.



Boast in the Cross

- To boast is to “glory”
- We glory in…
    - Our achievements
    - Our jobs
    - Our kids’ achievements
    - Our sports team
    - in short, anything that we *identify* with that we believe is honorable or noble

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

The Cross

- Represents sacrificial death to extend grace to the unworthy
- “...the world is crucified to me…”
- “...and I [am crucified] to the world.”
- Gal 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal 6:15-17

15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 And all who will follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

STAND FIRM

IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

The New Creation

- Neither ritual compliance nor anti-ritualism means anything to God - Gal 6:15

  For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision

- Instead it is the new creation that God is making through the cross that counts.

All men are in one of two creations. As born into the world, they are sinful, helpless, and condemned. All their efforts to save themselves, or to assist God in their salvation by good character or good works, are futile, and leave them unchanged. The new creation is headed by the risen Christ, and includes all who have been redeemed from sin and given a new life in Him.



William MacDonald

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

The Promise of the New Creation

- Paul promises that it is these who are of the new creation that will have grace and mercy and are the true “Israel” - Gal 6:16

  And all who will follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

- Paul is among these, as is proven by his sharing in the “marks” of the cross, that is sacrificial death to self - Gal 6:17

  From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS
STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE