

# Galatians - Where Do You Boast?

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## Summary

In this final message from the book of Galatians, we see two crucial elements believers must focus on to stand firm in the freedom of grace: the centrality of God's Word and the centrality of the cross. He warns against the tendency to drift into performance-based faith, where we add our works to the gospel. Paul reminds us that salvation is 'Jesus plus nothing equals everything,' while 'Jesus plus anything ruins everything.' As believers, we are called to focus on Scripture as God's breathed truth that transforms us, and to boast only in the cross of Christ rather than in our own achievements or righteousness.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for Your Word and the cross of Christ that brings us life. We ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us. Help us to be honest about where we've drifted from Your truth and grace. Holy Spirit, move among us and help us to focus not on our own performance or achievements, but on the finished work of Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What's one thing you've learned to do with your own hands that you're particularly proud of, and why was it important to you to do it yourself rather than have someone else do it?

## Key Verses

- Galatians 6:11-14
- Galatians 5:1
- 2 Peter 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Hebrews 4:12; John 17:17
- Jeremiah 9:23-24

"Christ says, 'Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want you. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good...hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked--the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours.'"

*C.S. Lewis - Mere Christianity*

## Questions

1. Paul wrote the final portion of his letter with his own hand to emphasize its importance. What are some ways we can ensure God's Word remains central and authoritative in our daily lives?
2. How can we tell the difference between living by God's truth versus living by our own truth or someone else's truth? What are some practical ways to filter decisions through Scripture?
3. Paul says he boasts only in the cross of Christ. Looking at your social media posts or conversations, what would others say you 'boast' about most? How can we shift our focus to boasting in Christ?
4. What does it mean practically that 'the world has been crucified to me and I to the world'? How should this affect our relationship with worldly values and pursuits? (Gal 6:15).
5. C.S. Lewis said Christ wants 'the whole tree down' - all of our natural self. What areas of your life might you still be holding back from complete surrender to Christ?

## Life Application

This week, conduct an honest audit of what you “boast” in. Look through your recent conversations, social media posts, or thoughts about yourself. Identify one area where you've been boasting in your own achievements rather than in Christ's work. Then, practice redirecting that boasting toward what God has done for you through the cross. Additionally, commit to spending time in God's Word daily, asking the Holy Spirit to use it to transform your heart and align your thinking with His truth.

## Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for this time together and for the truth of Your Word that cuts deep into our hearts. We confess that we often drift toward performance-based faith and boasting in ourselves rather than in Your finished work on the cross. Help us to surrender completely to You - not just as Savior but as Lord of every area of our lives. May Your Word be the filter through which we make all decisions, and may we find our identity and worth solely in what You have accomplished for us. Transform us from the inside out by Your grace, and help us to live as people who are truly crucified to the world and alive in You. We pray this in Your name, Amen.