

THE BELIEVER IS TO GLORY IN THE CROSS

(Galatians 6:14-18)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

III. PAUL DEFENDS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY AND LIVING BY GRACE (Gal. 5 & 6)

A. You are to STAND FAST in Grace against LEGALISM (5:1-12)

B. You are to STAND FIRM in Liberty against LICENSE (5:13-26)

C. You are to SERVE OTHERS faithfully in the Spirit by LOVE (6:1-10)

D. You are to DISCERN the legalist's hidden AGENDA (6:11-13)

E. You are to be FOCUSED on the PERSON and the WORK of Christ (6:14-16)

1. Grace teaching _____ in the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ. (6:14a)

* What are some other things a Christian can glory in?

2. Where legalism believes that we need another law to curb behavior, grace sees the _____ as the Christian's solution to _____. (6:14b)

* When did this crucifixion for the believer occur, and what does it really mean?

* According to the epistle to the Galatians, what are some of the things that you have died to?

3. Where legalism believes that there is some merit in religious _____, grace teaching emphasizes the significance of becoming a _____ in Christ Jesus. (6:15)

* What is so exciting about this preposition, "*in Christ*"?

* In light of this New Testament truth, how do you view yourself?

4. The believer who is now a new creation in Christ is to _____ according to this rule of God's _____. (6:16a)
5. The by product in walking according to this new rule is _____ and _____. (6:16b)

* Why is the distinction that Paul made concerning ethnic Israel extremely important today?

F. The Conclusion to the letter to the Galatians (6:17-18)

1. The Judaizers and their converts had _____ Paul long enough, and so he no longer wanted to be _____ about these issues. (6:17a)
2. The Apostle had one final and convincing argument to his critics in defense of his apostolic _____; Paul bore in his own body the _____ of Christ. (6:17b)

* How, when and why did this happen to Paul?

3. Paul ended his letter to the Galatians (who had been duped by legalism) with a reminder of God's _____, and the source of it, the _____ . (6:18)

* Can you think of a better way to end a charter on Christian liberty?

* How can you apply this passage in your own life?