



Galatians: Free to Boast


Galatians: 6:11-18


Most people boast about their own accomplishments.


 Galatians 6:11 (NIV) “See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!”


 Galatians 6:12–13 (NIV) “Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh.”

Wise people boast about what Christ accomplished.


 Galatians 6:14–16 (NIV) “May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.”

 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

 Philippians 3:8–11 (NLT) “Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with Him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with Himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead. I want to suffer with Him, sharing in His death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!”

 Galatians 6:17–18 (NIV) “Finally, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.”

Digging Deeper If you were to summarize the book of Galatians into one sentence, what would you say? Why do you think a book like Galatians is important?

 Looking at today’s passage, who comes to mind when you think of someone who “boasts about their own accomplishments?” Have you ever felt like someone used you for their gain? What does it mean to boast in the cross of Christ? --How does one live that out? If your life could be boiled down to a single statement, what would it be? Would the name of Jesus be found in that sentence?