

# The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians



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Today we finish our textual study of Paul's epistle to the Galatian churches. As our journey concludes in the very last verse we will see that the apostle still has \_\_\_\_\_ on his mind. His remarkable arguments for grace throughout the letter are second to none and stand as an enduring memorial where all believers can find refuge. The lost religious legalist who trusts in human works can never bring God glory because his goal is self-promotion. On the other hand, the Christian who depends solely on grace through faith in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ will always have the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ with his life, now in this world and throughout eternity. Therefore, it should not seem strange to us that religionists will continually earn the favor of this temporary world system, while believers are often demeaned, despised, and persecuted.

## GLORY IN THE CROSS – GALATIANS 6:11-18

1. Paul's example of \_\_\_\_\_ for the believers and churches – Galatians 6:11
  - a. His physical weakness – verse 11; Gal. 4:15; 2 Cor. 12:7-9a
  - b. His weakness was used for God's \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Cor. 12:9b-10
  
2. The Judaizers' investment was in their own promotion – Galatians 6:12-13
  - a. They glory in the works of the \_\_\_\_\_ – verses 12a, 13
    - They themselves do not keep the rules (law)
    - They expect their followers to keep them
    - The churches' acceptance of their rules makes them look good
  - b. They escape suffering and persecution – verse 12b
  
3. Glory in the cross – Galatians 6:14-18
  - a. The believer's rule – verses 14-15
    - Glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ
      - The \_\_\_\_\_ is crucified to the believer—it is dead to him*
      - The \_\_\_\_\_ is crucified to the world—he is no longer part of the system*
      - Circumcision does not mean anything*
      - Uncircumcision does not mean anything*
      - Instead it reveals every believer as a \_\_\_\_\_ creature*

b. The believer's blessing – verses 16-17

- All those who believe and live according to the afore mentioned rule

\_\_\_\_\_ *be on them, and* \_\_\_\_\_

*We are the Israel of God, the \_\_\_\_\_ children of God – Galatians 3:24-29*

*We bear the marks of the Lord Jesus – 2 Cor. 11:23-28; 2 Timothy 3:12*

c. The believer's end— \_\_\_\_\_ – verse 18

- Written from \_\_\_\_\_ by Paul's own hand

4. The practical conclusion

- A man, woman, boy or girl is saved by \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and is permanently kept in that state by God. Every saved sinner is now "in Christ" and justified by Jesus' finished atonement, completely apart from the works of the law. Not even circumcision, which preceded the law, has any part in justification. Therefore, all "gospels" which exhort the sinner to any kind of human works in order to obtain justification from God are \_\_\_\_\_ gospels proceeding from the mouths of cursed lost men.