

**Hurstbourne Baptist Church; August 30, 2020**  
**Sermon Notes: Galatians 6:11-18**  
**“Boasting in the Cross”**

**Sermon Outline**

- What is Boasting?
- The Wrong Kind of Boasting
- The Right Kind of Boasting
- The Practical Benefits of Boasting in the Cross

**What is Boasting?**

- According to Siri and Google, boasting means to “talk with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities.”
- According to the Bible, boasting means to \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_ in something.
- According to the Bible, boasting is not inherently \_\_\_\_\_. It all depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ of your boasting.

**The Wrong Kind of Boasting**

- There are an \_\_\_\_\_ number of ways to boast wrongly.
- The Apostle James denounces an arrogant and \_\_\_\_\_ kind of boasting in business ventures, profits, length of days, etc. “All such boasting is evil,” James says (James 4:16).
- The Apostle Paul denounces an arrogant and \_\_\_\_\_ kind of boasting (i.e., “circumcision. See Galatians 6:12-13).

**The Right Kind of Boasting**

- The right kind of boast is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14).
- To the Jews, the message of the cross was a \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 1:23).
- To the Gentiles, the message of the cross was sheer \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 1:23).
- To Christians, the message of the cross is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (1 Corinthians 1:24).

**The Practical Benefits of Boasting in the Cross**

- Those who boast in the cross are the “true Israel of God.” That’s why Paul says in Galatians 6:16, “As for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them.” Note that Paul does **not** offer this comfort and affirmation to the false teachers in Galatia who insist upon circumcision.
- Those who boast in the cross are dead to the world (Galatians 6:14). They crucify the flesh with its passions and desires.
- Those who boast in the cross possess genuine humility.

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- “For all the basic differences between Judaism and paganism, both involved subjection to the same ‘elemental forces’ [Gal. 6:9]. This is an astonishing statement for a former Pharisee to make, yet Paul makes it – not as an exaggeration in the heat of an argument but as the deliberate expression of a carefully thought out position” (Bruce, *Galatians*, 202-203).
- “What is astonishing is that Paul equates subjection to Torah with paganism. One can only imagine the shock the Pauline assertion would have given the Judaizers” (Schreiner, *Galatians*, 279).
- “We should feel as if our ears were stung with blasphemy, when we discover any attempt to transfer the crown of glory from the head of the Redeemer to that of any of his servants” (Bridges, *Proverbs*, 520).
- “By ‘world’ Paul means not heaven nor earth but the affairs of life like human praise, distinguished positions, reputation, wealth and all things that have a show of splendor. All such things are dead to me. Such should be the case for all Christians” (Chrysostom, *Interpretatio Omnium Epistularum Paulinarum*, 4:100).
- **Q.** What is your only comfort  
in life and death?

**A.** That I am not my own,  
but belong with body and soul,  
both in life and in death,  
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins  
with his precious blood,  
and has set me free  
from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way  
that without the will of my heavenly Father  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, all things must work together  
for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,  
he assures me of eternal life  
and makes me heartily willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.