

# Message Notes

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**Bible Focus:** Galatians 6:11-18

**Current Series:** Free (A Study in Galatians)

**Message Title:** Our Only Boast

Why boast in the Cross?

- It frees us from \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup>*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.*

- It transforms us into \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>15</sup>*Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.*

- It enables us to receive the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup>*Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule – to the Israel of God.*

<sup>17</sup>*From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.* <sup>18</sup>*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.*

## Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Galatians 6:11-18

1. Read Galatians 6:11-18. Contrast the two mindsets or approaches described in this passage. How did the motives, values, and goals of those in the first group (vv. 12-13) differ from Paul (vv. 14-16)?
2. We can assume from Paul's repeated references in his writings to the centrality of the cross that his opponents likely characterized him as perhaps being too fanatical about the cross. Can a Christ-follower overemphasize the importance of the cross? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean to boast in the cross of Jesus? How do you boast in the cross in your life?
4. In what way(s) is the cross of Christ offensive to others?
5. What does it mean to be crucified to the world (v. 14)? How does the world compete with God for our highest affections?
6. What are specific things that might keep the cross from being primary in your life? In churches?
7. In what possessions, gifts, achievements, or opportunities are you tempted to boast? How does the value of the cross change your perspective?
8. Why might it be significant that Paul chose to begin (1:3) and end (6:18) his letter to the Galatians with the word *grace*?
9. Now that we have finished our sermon series in Galatians, what will you take from this study?