Galatians 6:11-18
December 8, 2024

Paul's Closing Message to the Church of Galatia

I firmly proclaim that the Judaizers hypocritically teach a worthless gospel with selfish motives while I seek to glorify Jesus Christ in preaching the Gospel of grace which has the power to make you a new creation, bringing you peace and mercy from God!

1. **This letter is genuine and of great importance** **Galatians 6:11**

2. **The Judaizers are hypocrites, preaching a false gospel with wrong motives**
    a. **What is their gospel?**

Faith in Jesus + works of the law = salvation.
The book of Galatians is filled with condemnation of following the law for righteousness, specifically, but not limited to circumcision. It deals very little with describing the person of Jesus Christ....this was not an issue, the Judaizers were in agreement with Paul on the person of Jesus.

    b. **What are their motives?** **Galatians 6:12**
Galatians 4:17

Escape persecution and encourage others likewise
Become highly esteemed, needed by the Gentiles

    c. **What is their hypocrisy?** **Galatians 6:13**

They draw you to the law as if it has the power to save, yet they, cannot keep it themselves.

3. **I have instructed you in the true Gospel**
    a. **What is this gospel?**

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<u>Facts that must be believed:</u>

- All have sinned and the right and good judgement upon sin is death.
- Jesus is fully God (uncreated)
- Jesus is fully human
- Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life
- Jesus was crucified and died in the full literal sense
- Jesus bore the punishment, judgement of sin, God's wrath, through His death on the cross (substitutionary)
- Jesus physically, bodily, resurrected

<u>Necessary Response for salvation:</u>
Faith, trust in the work of Jesus Crhsit alone for your salvation!
Trust him/ submit, as Lord

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b. What are my motives? Galatians 6:14

To worship Jesus by "boasting" in what He accomplished through the cross.

c. What are the results of the Gospel?

i. Dying to the things of this world Galatians 6:14

ii. Becoming a new creation Galatians 6:15

Salvation is not brought on by a physical, outward change such as circumcision, but instead is a completer transformation from the inside that flows to the outside…..a new creation

iii. Peace and mercy for all changed by the Gospel Galatians 6:16

1. **Peace:** Believers' position and relationship with God

2. **Mercy**: Forgiveness of sin and setting, placing His judgement on Jesus instead of us

4. I want you to know…

a. I am fully committed to Jesus Christ Galatians 6:17

Paul was persecuted physically for Jesus Christ. He carried these scars everywhere he went. He probably was being "bad mouthed" by the Judaizers and wants to focus on his body, not his circumcision, but instead the physical marks of persecution that give evidence of His commitment to Jesus

b. Deep within you, the grace of Jesus Christ Galatians 6:18

All Christians have experienced the grace of Jesus Christ, in unmerited salvation. But here Paul is praying that they would understand it, dwell on it, deep within their souls. This will produce gratitude that drives them to serve God, and defend the faith. Grace over works… spirit over flesh