

The Cross Is Our Only Boast

Galatians 6:14

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EPISODE SUMMARY

A Lord's Supper meditation on Galatians 6:14 — the boldest boast Paul ever made. In a letter fighting over people who wanted something to show off in the flesh, Paul takes the entire pile of things he could brag about and sets it at the foot of a cross. A cross was the most degrading death Rome could hand out, yet it is the one thing Paul will glory in, because it is where the debt he could never pay was paid in blood, by Another, for him. And the cross does more than cancel his guilt — it changes what he wants: the world is crucified to him, and he to the world. After a week on treasures, fasting, and daily bread, the table is where we lay every other boast down.

KEY THEMES

- One boast, and only one — the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal 6:14a).
- A cross was a scandal in Paul's world; he glories in what others were ashamed of.
- Boasting in the cross empties you out — it gives God all the credit and leaves us none.
- Two deaths in one sentence — the world crucified to me, and I to the world (Gal 6:14b).
- At the table we set down every other boast and lift up Christ crucified for us.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"But as for me, I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through the cross, and I to the world."

— Galatians 6:14, CSB

TAKEAWAY TRUTH

The cross is the one treasure that holds up when everything else gives way. We don't boast in our giving, our discipline, or our record — those are the response of someone already bought, never the price. We boast in a debt paid in blood, by someone else, for us.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

As the bread and the cup come to you, set down everything else you might lean on — the good week and the bad week alike. Your welcome at the table was never built on your performance. Bring nothing to boast in but Christ crucified for you, and lift up the one thing that will never be taken away.

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