

Except in the Cross

Gal 6: 11-18

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- Paul is now ending his letter to the Galatians
 - He does not end with a salutation like other letters
 - I Cor 16: 21; Col 4: 18; II Thess 3: 17
 - Question.....
 - Why did Paul do this in other places but not here?
- He wants to remind them of the urgency of this letter
- Vs 11.....see with what large letters?
 - Gal 4: 13-15
 - II Thess 2: 2
 - He is writing this himself without a scribe

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- So, what is so urgent?
- This entire letter has been about two things
 - Vs 12.....those who desire to make a good showing
 - The religion of works
 - Falun Gong article
 - Anything that adds works into the mix
 - Vs 14....those who only will boast in the Cross
 - The basis of grace through faith alone
 - That basis requires one thing

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- Vs 14.....Crucifixion
- This is and always will be the issue
 - Gal 1: 6-9; Gal 2: 16; Gal 2: 20-21; Gal 3: 21-24
- Is Christianity anti-good works?
 - Absolutely not
 - I Peter 2: 12; Eph 2: 10
- However, Christianity is anti-good works for the achievement of salvation (Eph 2: 8-9)

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- Salvation means that you can never ever never ever pay the penalty for the wrong things you and I have done
- Only Christ on the cross of Calvary could do that
- So then, why do many try to “make a good showing?”
 - Three reasons that Paul lays out in this passage

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- First.....Pride
 - Rather interesting isn't it that June is now known as "pride" month?
 - In effect saying...."my life is just as good as yours"
 - They are correct!!!
 - I agree.....Romans 3: 23..."for all have sinned"
- Matt 6: 1-7
 - Why would anyone act this way?
 - What about all the pomp in our great cathedrals?
 - Luke 18: 9-14

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- Vs 12....so they would not be persecuted
 - If you and I stand for the Gospel
 - People will not like you many times
 - Story of man in nursing home
 - Rom 10: 8-13
- Lesson to be learned
 - There will always be those who will try to move us back into a works-based religion
 - You must not.....
 - You must be.....

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- Acts 5: 17-33; throughout the Book of Acts
 - Persecution...time and time again
 - The cross is a stumbling block
 - It always will be because the cross requires a humbling of our hearts before God
- Nothing in my hand I bring simply to Thy cross I cling
- Third....Vs 13
 - They do not want their sins to be exposed

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- Time and time again we read of “church leaders” who have “moral failures”
- Religion that is based on show is rife for corruption
 - Matt 23: 1-23
- The only cure for hypocrisy is simple faith in the One who died for you.
- This is a life changing experience

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- This is why Paul says.....
 - If I am to boast about anything
 - I Tim 1: 12-17
 - I will boast about my Savior and Lord
 - II Cor 11-12: 10
 - To save even the one who persecuted His Church
 - Phil 3: 1-14
- I will boast about a Savior like that!!!!

His Glory and my Good

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- I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
- And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies
- When I gaze upon his beauty, when I see Him as I should
- When my eyes are lifted upward, for His glory and my good

His Glory and my Good

- There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord
- He will turn my heart towards Him, and help me bear the thorn
- So, in faith I follow Jesus, on the road not understood
- For I know that He is working, for His glory and my good

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- To our God be the glory, to our God be the praise
- He alone the name above all names
- I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
- For I know His glory is my good

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- See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day
- What was understood as weakness, deserves my every praise
- For the charge that was against me, was nailed into the wood
- Yes, I know that He has saved me, for His glory and my good

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- Would I gladly be made nothing, that Christ would be made more
- Would I seek the only kingdom, that far outweighs them all
- I will stand before the Father, where faithful saints have stood
- And with joy my heart will praise Him
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