

THE MARK OF TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

(Galatians 6:16-18)

Central Idea: *Paul is a trustworthy messenger of Christ because he bears the mark of true discipleship—scars from persecution.*

I. Galatians 6:16-18.

A. The Judaizers attempted to avoid persecution by forcing circumcision.

II. RECAP

A. The gospel of grace is not a human message. (Gal. 1:11-12)

B. Even though the gospel is a message of grace, are you still trying to relate to God in the basis of works? (Gal. 3:1-3)

C. The gospel isn't just about what you were saved from, it's about what you were saved for (Gal. 6:15).

Questions for Group or Personal Study

1. In the Christian life, why does boasting only in the cross of Christ almost always bring about some form of persecution?
2. The Judaizers attempted to avoid persecution through convincing Gentile Christians to be circumcised? In what ways do Christians today attempt to avoid persecution?
3. In your own Christian life, have you made or been tempted to make compromises to avoid being persecuted (or avoid being made fun of, excluded, verbally attacked etc.)?
4. Read Galatians 3:1-3. As Christians, how can we still try to relate to God on the basis of works (i.e., legalism) instead of grace?
5. The gospel isn't just about what you were saved from, it's about what you were saved for. Discuss this statement in light of Gal. 5:6 & 6:15.

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