



Scars

Bearing the Brand of Christ for the furtherance of the Gospel

Galatians 6:11-18

11 See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. 12 *It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.*

13 *For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.* 14 **But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world**

has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 *For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.* 16 *And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.*

17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

18 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.*

1. _____ of the Cross - How he got his scars

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. (Acts 14:19)

“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” (Matt 6:2)

2. _____ of the cross - How he promotes his scars

“So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours,” (1 Corinthians 3:21)

“Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?” (1 Corinthians 5:6)

Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast. (2 Cor. 11:18)

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.” (Jeremiah 9:24)

So that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:29-31)

3. _____ of the cross - What the scars mean to him

Be _____

Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. (John 15:20)

Be _____

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7-9)

Be _____

“Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” (John 20:25)