

# SERMON OUTLINE

## Boasting in the Cross

*Galatians 6:11-18*

*This is Paul's summation of the message of his letter to the Galatians, written in his own hand. We learn once again that the Spirit is very jealous to teach us the life transforming power of the gospel of God's grace. In Paul's simple, concise closing words he restates that:*

**God's new creation is produced by the cross of Christ, alone.**

If this is true, then there is no place for boasting. Paul's summation shows the two opposing gospel errors:

**God's new creation is produced by the cross, not by adding religious discipline**

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**God's new creation is produced by the cross, not by the lack of religious discipline**

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What has been the most encouraging part of the message of the letter to the Galatians?
- In your Christian journey have you experienced any form of the "Galatian error"- being told that to be a true Christian, you must also practice some other form of religious discipline or activity?
- Conversely, have you ever been encouraged to believe that it really doesn't matter what you think about Christ or God, just try to live a good life?
- Have you ever looked down on someone because you felt that they were less spiritual, less holy, less moral than you?
- Have you ever felt terrible about your life, your record, or your lack of godliness because you are such a big sinner and that God is probably just done with you?
- What does the gospel say to each of these conditions?
- What about yourself are you prone to boast in?
- What is Paul saying when he says in abbreviated words, the only thing that counts is God's new creation (v. 15)?