

# BOAST IN THE CROSS

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**A**.W. Pink once said, "The greatest mistake made by people is hoping to discover in themselves that which is to be found in Christ alone." Think about that. Our greatest danger, our greatest mistake, is that we look to ourselves and our obedience rather than to Jesus Christ.

Paul, towards the end of Galatians 6, explicitly declares that there's no ground for boasting in anything but this one thing - the cross of Christ. Paul outlines for us five (5) reasons why we should boast in the Cross of Christ.

First, the cross confronts us with the reality of our sin. These realities are: we are slaves to sin, we are dead in sin, and we are unable to save ourselves. That's the whole thing. Paul said it over and over and over again up to this point in Galatians. He then picks up his pen, and says, "You do your circumcision, you follow your rules and your rituals, and you still can't do it."

The cross confronts us with the reality of our sin and offends our pride and says, "You need God to do the work in you that you cannot accomplish on your

own. You need Him to set you free. The world tells us we're better off not being confronted with the reality of our sin. The world tells us to pretend like everything in our lives is okay. The reality is we bring nothing to the table, and Christ brings everything to the table.

Second, the cross comforts us with the provision of our Savior. Paul asserts Christianity is not about human achievement. Instead, Christianity is about divine accomplishment. The gospel says it is all done for you and for me. Not just in the past, not just what happened a couple of thousand years ago. It's all done for you today, at this moment. Christ does everything in us and for us. It is His work in us. The cross is everything in Christianity. Paul says we are free to rest in Him. We don't need the applause of men. We have the pleasure of God in us, Christ in us.

Third, the cross reminds us that our safety is not found in this world. When you're identified with a crucified Messiah, you expect suffering but our safety is in the hands of our Maker.

Fourth, the cross keeps us

from wasting our lives in this world. We don't run after all the pursuits and pleasures this world offers us looking for satisfaction and joy and fulfillment. In Christ, we find satisfaction that supersedes all the stuff the world offers us put together. Christ is everything to us. Christ is enough for us.

Fifth, the cross supplies us with every good thing we have. God uses even the bad things to turn into good, and every single one of those is possible because of the cross. These are all evidences of God's grace. Every blessing in life is meant to magnify the cross of Christ.

May God make us a family of faith who boasts in the cross in everything we have that even in our adversities, it will drive us to say, "Yes, I glory in the cross."

Here's the glorious reality - we will always be recipients of God's grace. The cross will always be the reservoir from which that grace flows to us. So, we will forever boast in nothing except this one thing - the cross of Christ. ✦