

Series: Free In Christ

Title: The Gospel of Pure Grace

Text: (Gal 6:11-18)

I. Principle Characters:

A. Judaizers: (Vs 12-13)

1. Paul exposes their Motive: (Vs 12)

Avoid Persecution:

Approval from Jewish leaders:

2. Paul exposes their Hypocrisy: (Vs 13)

Jesus exposed the same Hypocrisy: (Matt 23:3-7)

B. Jesus Christ: (Vs 14-16)

Emblem of the Christian faith:

Emblem of the tragedy of our sin:

Emblem of our atonement, salvation and hope of glory

Divine meaning in the death of Christ:

1. The Payment for out Sin: (Jn 19:34)(Hebrews 9:22)

2. Prophesied in The brazen serpent: (Num 21:8-9)

Now The emblem of God's love: (Jn 3:14-15)

A Sign of Our Hope of Glory: (Col 1:21-27*) "*Christ in you*"

To the World, the Cross is Repulsive.

To the Believer, object of glory: (Gal 6:14b)

It is dead to us and we ought to be dead to it. (Rom 6:7-11)

1. The Person of the Cross: (Vs 14)

a) As Saul had alot to glory in Himself. (Gal 1:13-14)

2. The Power of the Cross: Vs 15) (John 3:3)

a) Liberty from Self: (Gal 2:20)

b) Liberty from the Flesh: (Gal 5:24)

c) Liberty from the World: (Gal 6:14)

3. The Purpose of the Cross: (Vs 16)

Believers today are not the "Children of Abraham"

But they are "Abraham's Seed" through Faith.(Gal 4:28)

The "Circumcision of the Heart": (Rom 2:29) (Phil 3:3)

C. Paul, Himself: (Vs 17-18)

"Mark" Grk word - Stigmata – "brand marks" (Gal 6:17)

Slaves of the Roman Empire were marked by their owners

Greek word "stigma" – A mark of inferiority

1. Saul of Tarsus was marked by Circumcision: and proud of it. (Phil 3:4-6)

2. Paul was marked in a different way: (Phil 3:7-11)

3. Paul affirmed his suffering for Christ's sake.

(Acts 4:12)(Ro 1:16) (2 Cor 12:7-10)

a) Paul had the scars to Prove it: (2 Cor 11:23-25)

4. Heathens were branded with the symbol of their god or goddess.

5. Slaves were branded so everyone would know who his owner was.

a) Paul was the slave of Jesus Christ, his scars were proof

b) Paul was proud to be a Slave to Christ. (Gal 1:10)

Paul is Not a boasting, but a defense of His Servanthood: (Gal 6:14, 17-18)

Paul's Scars showed the strength of his witness & the measure of his devotion. (2 Cor 4:10)

An the appeal of Christ: (Rev 5:6,12) (Rev 13:8)

The gospel message: (Is 53:3-5)

Faith in Christ is a faith in His scars: (John 20:25-28)

What message do the Scars we carry tell others?