

**29 December 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**  
**“Boasting in the Cross Is Boasting in the Gospel” -- Galatians 6:11-18**

**Questions to Answer from the Text:**

1. How did Paul confirm that he was the one really writing the letter to the Galatian churches (v. 11)?
2. What were the rival teachers (Judaizers) in Galatia coercing the believers to do? Why (v. 12a)?
3. What were these rival teachers trying to avoid (v. 12b)?
4. What hypocrisy did Paul identify in these false teachers (v. 13a)?
5. What was the great desire of these false teachers (v. 13b, 12a)?
6. What was Paul’s object for boasting (v. 14a)? Why (v. 14b)?
7. What is NOT important in one’s relationship to God (v. 15a)?
8. What does matter in a person’s relationship to God (v. 15b)?
9. What does Paul pray that those who understand and live by what is truly important in one’s relationship to God will experience (v. 16a)?
10. What exalted label does Paul append to those who live by the rule of the necessity of the new creation (v. 16b)?
11. What did Paul ask that the Galatian churches refrain from doing (v. 17a)? Why (v. 17b)?
12. As he closed his correspondence, for what did Paul pray the Galatians would receive from the Lord Jesus (v. 18)?

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

13. How necessary is it to establish the Scripture’s authority?
14. What is the Scriptural way to establish the authority of Scripture?
15. What is a major premise that non-Christians start with that invariably leads them to the conclusion that the Scriptures are not divine?

16. What is the infallible rule for the interpretation of Scripture [See WCF 1.9]?
17. What is the common misunderstanding of the phrase: “the Israel of God”?
18. How should the phrase, “the Israel of God,” be properly understood? Why is this important?
19. Why did the prophets use the terminology of the Old Testament to speak about the Messianic age?
20. Should the Old Testament be used as a primary text to learn about the Gospel or only as illustrations of moral examples? Why or why not?
21. What is “Replacement Theology?”
22. Who usually employs this terminology? Why do they use it?
23. Does the Church “replace” ethnic Israel in the redemptive plan and purpose of God? Why or why not?
24. What is meant by a “Theology of Glory” and a “Theology of the Cross”? Who is famously known for making this distinction?
25. Should Christians be interested in a “Theology of the Cross” or a “Theology of Glory”? Why?
26. What does boasting in the cross mean?