

The Priority of the Gospel

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Series: Galatians– Living Above the Conflict

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,” *1 Peter 3:18 NIV*

The Gospel is not a room in my life, it is the foundation of my life!

It is What I Build My Life On!

Make the Gospel My Priority!

“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.” *Galatians 6:14 ESV*

What the False Teachers Got Wrong

1. They wanted to impress others rather than serve others

“It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised,” *Galatians 6:12a ESV*

2. They Chose the Path of Least Resistance

“and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.” *Galatians 6:12b ESV*

3. They Chose A Fake Faith over an Authentic Faith

““For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law,” *Galatians 6:13a ESV*

4. They Used People for Their Own Glory

“but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.” *Galatians 6:13b ESV*

What Paul Got Right

1. He Made the Gospel THE Priority in His Life

“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” *Galatians 6:13a ESV*

“though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.” *Philippians 3:4–7 ESV*

“Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 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 9:23–24 ESV

2. He Sacrificed for Jesus the Thing that do not Matter

“by which the world has been crucified to me”

Galatians 6:13b ESV

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.”

1 John 2:15–16 ESV

**Sacrificed the Desire of the Flesh
Sacrificed the Desire of the Eyes
Sacrificed the Pride of Life**

“and I to the world”

Galatians 6:13c ESV

THE Gospel is the Answer for My Problems!

“For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.”

Galatians 6:15 ESV

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28 ESV

THE Gospel is the ONLY Place of Blessing!

“And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.”

Galatians 6:16 ESV

Is the Gospel of Jesus the Priority in My Life?

***“From now on let no one cause me trouble,
for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus”***

Galatians 6:17 ESV