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**Message Series** "Galatians: The Gospel of Grace"

## *"Boasting Only in the Cross"* Galatians 6:11-18

<sup>11</sup>See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup>And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup>From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. <sup>18</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

"As for me, however, I will boast only about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for by means of his cross the world is dead to me, and I am dead to the world." (v. 14, GNT)

## 'Tell 'em what you told them' (Galatians in review)

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The truth about boasting

## The Power of the Cross

(Why we boast only in the cross of Jesus)

1. It \_\_\_\_\_

"It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised ... they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh." (vs. 12-13)

I boast because...

2. It \_\_\_\_\_.

"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." (v. 14)

I boast because...

3. It \_\_\_\_\_\_

"For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation." (v. 15)

I boast because...