

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Galatians 6:14-16

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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

I. CRUCIFIED TO AND FROM THE WORLD

- Our lives and our world matter. We were born into a particular day and age by the decree of God (Acts 17:26-27).
- Who we are matters. Race, ethnicity, socio-economic backgrounds, etc. shape our world (Acts 10:28-29; Eph. 2:11-12; Phil. 3:4-6).
- Who we are in Christ overshadows all things that make us who we once were (Vs. 15; 2 Cor. 5:17-18; Phil. 3:7-11).

II. PEACE AND MERCY

- God's gift to those who know who they are in Christ is the gift of peace and mercy.
 - Peace = overcoming the world (John 16:33)
 - Mercy = A desire to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matt. 5:43-48)

III. WE ARE THE CIRCUMCISION

- We are, in Christ Jesus, a new nation...a new people (Phil. 3:3).

KNOW: God has made us a new people in Christ. Our new identities should overshadow our old identities, and keep us focused on what God has called us to be in Christ.

DO: Identify and live as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Suggested Reading:

Letter from a Birmingham Jail by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (access at https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html)

Bloodlines: Race, Cross, and the Christian by John Piper

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Galatians 6:14-16

1. How are these days we are living in impacting your life? Your outlook on life?
2. How do we as Christ-followers respond to these days?
3. What is the hope that God offers us in Christ that can help us navigate through these days?
4. How did the apostle Paul view his life prior to his conversion?
5. How do you view your life prior to your conversion?
6. What are your takeaways from Sunday's message?