

IN WHAT DO YOU GLORY?

Gal 6:12-15

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The world refers to today as Easter. They say it is the day the Lord rose from the tomb. Jesus arose on the first day of the week (Sunday), but we do not know which one.
- B. Easter either from Anglo-Saxon word for goddess of spring and fertility, or from a Latin phrase for "dawn," that became our English word "Easter". (Acts 12:4 only place used)
- C. Not discussing this day, but cross of Christ which resulted in this day.
- D. Either glory in the flesh or in God, no neutrality Gal 6:14
- E. Paul said "God forbid" that he should glory in anything else except the cross.
- F. Glory = to boast, or rejoice in (can be used in good or bad way) Glory also = dignity, honor, praise, worship
- G. In what do you glory? Not asking: do you believe "in" the cross; accept the fact of the cross; sentimental about the cross; But do you GLORY IN THE CROSS?
- H. Not using "Cross" in sense of the physical pieces of wood, but suffering and death of Jesus the cross represents

DISCUSSION:

I. THE SUPREME TEST: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CROSS?

- A. Is it an offense to you 1Cor 1:23; Gal 5:11
- B. Do you glory in it 1Cor 2:1-5; Gal 6:14
- C. The cross divides all mankind into two groups

II. THE PERISHING: THE CROSS IS A GREAT OFFENSE

- A. Stumbling block, laughed at, dismissed as foolishness 1Cor 1:20-25
- B. An offense to his mind Col 2:6-10
 - 1. Nonsense - not according to human philosophy
 - 2. They refuse divine revelation then wonder why they can't find the meaning of life
- C. An offense to his Pride
 - 1. The root cause is vanity
 - 2. The cross says we are sinners which the proud will not accept
 - 3. Pride says "I'm not so bad, at least not that bad"
 - 4. Jesus says you are lost Lk 19:10
 - 5. All have sinned Rom 3:9,23
 - 6. This makes the stubborn angry

III. TO THE CHRISTIAN THE CROSS IS HIS GLORY

- A. We rejoice in it; it is our boasting Gal 6:12-15
 - 1. The cross is not just something that happened
 - 2. It is our salvation, and we rejoice as a result
- B. We glory in the cross because it shows us the most amazing spectacle ever seen

- C. We see the glory of God being revealed
 - 1. The Father loving us Jhn 3:16
 - 2. Jesus the Prince of life dying for us Rom 5:8
 - 3. Jesus taking our place in death 2Cor 5:21
 - 4. Sinless One dying for the guilty 1Pet 3:18
- D. We see Jesus the Lord of glory humbling himself
 - 1. Made himself of no reputation
 - 2. Became obedient even unto death Phil 2:3-8
- E. God's love for mankind the cause Rom 5:6-10

IV. ALL THAT THE CROSS ENCOMPASSES WAS AND IS FOR US

- A. The cross is either all or nothing to you
- B. If the cross is all to you then you are and will do Jesus' will Matt 7:21
- C. What is your reaction?
 - 1. God be merciful to me a sinner! Lk 18:13
 - 2. So what, I'll live the way I want to!

CONCLUSION:

- A. Eternity is getting closer with every breath we take
- B. The only way to make life eternal sure for us is to accept the benefits of the cross.
- C. We must "glory" in the cross of Christ.
- D. If we glory in the cross of Christ it will show in our lives, we will be letting our light "so" shine Matt 5:16