

Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to Lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning service, community gatherings throughout the week and the ministries we serve in.

Refreshing – in the Word, in our worship and with each other

This week's message:

Boasting in the Cross

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Galatians 6:12-16

A. Things in which we tend to boast:

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| 1. ABILITIES | 4. ANCENTRY |
| 2. ACHIEVEMENTS | 5. ACCUMULATION |
| 3. APPEARANCE | 6. ACQUANTINCES |
| 7. ACTIVITES | |

B. Other things for boasting (text):

1. Judiazers - converts through Judaism to Christ
"what we are doing for God"
2. Apostle Paul - cross of Christ
"what God has done for us"

There are at least **three** benefits of the cross and reasons to boast in it.

I. It gives us **A NEW LIFE**, vs. 15

A. Statement: what counts is being a new person

B. Questions:

1. Am I a new creation?
2. Can anything other than the cross do it for me?

II. It offers us **A NEW LIFESTYLE**, vs. 14

A. Statements:

1. I am crucified to the world."
2. The world is crucified to me.

B. Question: how alive am I to the world and to the Lord?

C. Goal—to reach spiritual maturity to the point that I can say that the world has no appeal

III. It presents us **A NEW LIFE FOCUS**, vs. 16

A. Something to do—follow the rule = boast only in the cross!

B. Some things to gain:

1. PEACE
2. MERCY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

John Bowring

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

Go Deeper: Gal 6:12-16 pleads with us not to take pride or joy in anything but the cross of Jesus Christ. What does that mean in our everyday life? What are the sacrifices that you will have to make for that?

Write down your responses as you read the words to the song listed above. What does the cross mean to you?

Scripture to study during the week:

Mark 8:34-35; 1 Cor 1:18; 2 Cor 12:9; Php 2:4-11; Php 3:3; Eph 2:4-9; Heb 9:11-14; 1 John 4:9-10;