

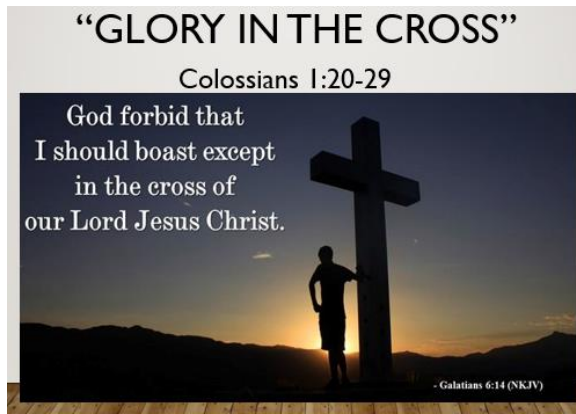
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### Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, **by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**

Let me paraphrase the above:

Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died.



### WE GET EXCITEMENT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS IN LIFE...

Many, many exciting, fun, happy events life brings...at times. And they are wonderful, and great!

But none of them, NONE, will ever compare to the glory, joy, excitement - the day your sins were washed away, you were forgiven. None of them compare to your salvation!

And so, we rejoice in our salvation, we glory in it.

We don't glory in anything like the way we glory in the cross.

### Why should we glory in nothing but the cross?

**Galatians 6:14** - As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died.

### WE PREACH THE CROSS:

**1 Corinthians 1:17-18** - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. <sup>18</sup> For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God...

**Hebrews 12:2** - Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Colossians 2:14** - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

### IN CHRIST'S CROSS, WE HAVE 3 BENEFITS:

#### I. Peace through the cross (v. 20)

A. There is no peace in this world

**Jeremiah 8:15** - We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, but behold, terror (trouble). *Turn over*

### JUDGMENT IS COMING!

**Jeremiah 8:19-20** - <sup>19</sup> Behold, the cry of the daughter of my people from the length and breadth of the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" "Why have they provoked me to anger with their carved images and with their foreign idols?" <sup>20</sup> "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." <sup>22</sup> "is there no balm in Gilead...?"

**Ezekiel 13:16** - They were lying prophets who claimed peace would come to Jerusalem when there was no peace. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken!

B. Peace in Christ

Do you have peace with God?

Or is your life spiraling out of control?

Do you feel every time you achieve what you think will give you happiness – and it's never there?

#### II. Reconciliation through the cross (v. 20)

A. Applying it (v. 21)

**Colossians 2:14** - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

B. Accepting it (Claiming it)

#### III. Approved life through His cross (v. 20)

A. Because of cleansing (His blood)

Approved Life (v. 22)

B. I am stable & steadfast (v. 23)

C. I am a minister (servant) of the church (v. 27-28)

#### I AM NOT WORTHY

I am not worthy the least of His favor,  
But Jesus left heaven for me;  
The Word became flesh and He died as my Savior,  
Forsaken on dark Calvary.

Chorus:

I am not worthy this dull tongue repeats it!

I am not worthy this heart gladly beats it?

Jesus left heaven to die in my place

What mercy, what love and what grace!

Beatrice Bush Bixler 1916-2013

### CONCLUSION:

- Is your life approved of God?
- Is your glorying in the cross?
- Are you a set apart minister for Him?
- An approved minister all because of the cross!  
This is the power of the cross.