

"Boasting Only in the Cross"
Galatians 6:14

"But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

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Background:

- *Issue* is the basis of salvation faith in Christ alone or the works of the Law?
- the cross of Christ is antithetical to any human merit through law-keeping



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1. An Exclusive Boast

- not boasting in any human achievement or law-keeping
- exulting in the sufficiency of the atoning death of Jesus for salvation



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2. A Present Effect

- our "old self" has been crucified with Christ and is dead to the world
- our "new self" has been raised to newness of life and is alive to God



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Reckoning this reality...

- in Christ we died to sin and have been given new life by the Holy Spirit
- we must daily reckon that we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ