The Reign of Christ the King ~ Sunday, November 22, 2026
"Experiencing the Grace of Christ: Boasting in the Cross"
Galatians 6:6-18 & Mark 8:34-38

#1. _____.
As Paul brings his letter to a close, he reminds the Galatians that the grace of God isn't something that we just believe in; it's something that should_____the way we live.

"Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow." (v.7)

The choices we make, the attitudes we cultivate, and the priorities we pursue all have_____.

"If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit." (Galatians 6:8)

Sowing to the flesh =the_____desires of our fallen human nature.

To sow to the flesh is to continually_____those desires, allowing selfishness, pride, resentment, or worldly ambition to shape our lives. Paul warns that such a life ultimately leads to spiritual_____.

To sow to the Spirit is to live_____on the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to shape our thoughts, attitudes, and actions.

These may seem like small decisions, but over time, they bear_____in our lives.

We don't sow to the Spirit in order to earn God's love; we do so because we've already_____it through Jesus Christ.

Just as a farmer doesn't see a harvest the day after planting his seed, spiritual growth takes_____.

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Paul's encouragement is simple: Don't give up. God sees your faithfulness, even when others don't. And while we may not always see the fruit of our labour in this life, nothing done in faith and obedience to Christ is ever_____.

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

Paul doesn't_____our responsibility to fellow Christians. We are called to do good to everyone, while recognizing a particular responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Christian life isn't meant to be lived in_____. God's grace calls us to look beyond ourselves and become_____of His love in the lives of others. **What are we sowing into our lives? Are we cultivating the things of the Spirit, or are we allowing the desires and priorities of this world to take root in our hearts?**

#2. _____.
False teachers had been_____the Galatians and insisting that faith in Jesus wasn't enough for salvation; they also needed to be circumcised and observe the Jewish Law in order to be fully_____by God.

In verses 12 and 13, he exposes the motives of these false teachers, arguing that they were more concerned about_____appearances and gaining the _____of others than they were about remaining faithful to the Gospel.

They wanted to boast about the number of Gentile believers who'd accepted circumcision, while avoiding the_____that came with preaching salvation through the Cross of Christ alone.

"May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (v.14)

Crucifixion was one of the most_____and brutal forms of execution in the Roman world; reserved particularly for slaves, rebels, and those considered the lowest members of society. The cross was a symbol of_____, suffering, and defeat.

"For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18)

What the world saw as defeat, God used to accomplish the greatest_____ in human history.

The Cross reveals both the_____of our sin and the extraordinary depth of God's_____; it reminds us that our salvation rests entirely on what Jesus has done for us, and not on anything we could ever accomplish ourselves.

"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ." (Philippians 3:8)

Because at the foot of the Cross, there's no room for spiritual_____–we all come as sinners in need of grace. And we all receive salvation in exactly the same way: through_____in Jesus Christ.

"...the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14)

The Cross hasn't simply changed Paul's relationship with God; it's changed his relationship with the_____. The things that once defined his identity, shaped his ambitions, and determined his worth no longer hold the same_____over him.

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Jesus isn't calling us simply to_____His sacrifice; He's calling us to follow Him in a life of self-denial, surrender, and_____.

Jesus calls us to_____our lives to Him, trusting that true life is found not in holding on to everything for ourselves, but in giving ourselves to Him.

The paradox of the Christian life: When we surrender our lives to Christ, we don't lose what matters most. We discover the_____we were created to live in the first place.

"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." (Mark 8:35)

When Paul says that he boasts only in the Cross, he's declaring that Jesus Christ has become the_____of his life. His identity, confidence,_____, and hope are all found in the crucified and risen Lord.

#3. _____.

He reminds the Galatians that the Gospel isn't just about the forgiveness of sins or outward religious distinction; it's about being given an entirely new_____in Christ.

"For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!" (Galatians 6;15)

The Gospel doesn't simply offer us an opportunity to_____ourselves; it offers us something far greater: the_____power of God's grace.

The wonderful promise of the Gospel is that God doesn't_____the work He's begun in us–He's faithful to_____it

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." (Phil 1:6)

That's why the the Christian life isn't simply about trying harder to become better people; it's about continually_____ourselves to the grace of God and allowing His Spirit to make us more like Jesus.

God doesn't just make a few cosmetic changes to our lives. The Gospel goes much _____, as God works a new creation in us, beginning with the foundation.

"As for those who will follow this rule–peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God." (Galatians 6:16)

Not a life driven by the constant pressure to_____ourselves worthy of God's love and acceptance, but a life_____in His mercy and sustained by His peace.

"From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body." (Galatians 6:17)

These weren't marks he'd chosen as religious symbols, but wounds he'd received because of his_____to Christ.

He isn't suggesting that suffering earns us salvation or makes us more acceptable to God. Rather, those scars testify to the reality of his_____to Christ.

And while most of us will never experience the kind of persecution Paul endured, following Jesus still involves_____.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen." (Galatians 6:18)

This is significant because grace isn't just the starting point of the Christian life; it's the_____on which we stand, the strength by which we live, and the hope that carries us forward.

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For the Christian life begins with Christ, continues by the grace of Christ, and ultimately leaves us with nothing in which to_____except Jesus Christ and His Cross.