

**“My Glory All The Cross”**  
**Galatians 6:14**

**Introduction:**

1. Tonight - We Are Going To Get Back:
  - Into Our Series About:
    - The Progress Of Victory:
      - That We Can Have In Our Daily Life:
        - As Christians!
  - And - The Reason:
    - We Need To Continue To Pursue:
      - Victory - Is Because Of:
        - The Enemies We Still Face!
          - Which Include The World, The Flesh, And The Devil!
            - The Great Triumvirate Of Evil!
2. Of Course - Jesus Christ:
  - Is The One Who Has Already:
    - Won The Victory Over:
      - All Of These Enemies:
        - For Us - Through His Life, Death, Burial, Resurrection, And Ascension!
  - But - That Accomplished Victory:
    - Is Now Being Applied:
      - To The Lives Of His People:
        - As We Continue To Grow In:
          - Our Image & Likeness Of Jesus!
3. So Far - We Have Been:
  - Learning More About:
    - The Enemy Of *This World*:
      - Because It Is, Perhaps:
        - The Most Deceptive & Dangerous Enemy That We Have!
    - And May Even Be:
      - The Enemy That We Surrender To:
        - The Most!
  - But - According To Jesus Himself:
    - As We Learned Last Time:
      - Through His High-Priestly Prayer:
        - Found In John 17!
    - Though We Still Live:
      - *In* The World - We Are Not:
        - *Of* The World - And So:
          - We Are Not To Be:
            - *Like* The World!
  - 4. But - How Does This Great Principle:
    - Work Itself Out:
      - In Practice?
    - Well - To Begin With:
      - As We Learned From John 17:
        - We Need To Remember That:
          - We Have Been:
            - *Sent* Into This World!
      - This Is The Very Purpose:
        - For Which We:
          - Were *Saved* From This World:
            - As Well As:
              - Why We Now:
                - *Stay* In This World!
      - We Found This Back In:
        - John 17:18 - Where Jesus Prayed To His Father:

- “As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world!”
- So - To Overcome This World:
  - You Need To Remember That:
    - You Are Christ’s Own Ambassador:
      - To This World!

5. But Then - As We Will See Tonight:

- We Also Need To Remember That:
  - We Are To Be:
    - *Separate* From This World!
  - This Means That:
    - One Of The Ways We Fulfill Our Mission:
      - In This World - Is To Be Altogether:
        - Different Than This World!
- And So - As We Consider:
  - What It Means To Be:
    - *Separate* From This World:
      - I Would Like For Us To Turn To & Focus On Galatians 6:14!
  - Where - Paul Wrote:
    - “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!”

6. Through This Verse - And Others Like It:

- We Can Learn What It Takes:
  - To Be *Separate* From This World:
    - In Our Quest To Overcome The World:
      - For The *Sake* Of - And:
        - Through The *Strength* Of:
          - Our Lord Jesus Christ!
- So - In This Verse:
  - We First Find:

1. ***The Chief Obstacle:***

- To Being Separate From The World!
  - The Chief Obstacle!
    - And That Obstacle Is:
      - The Wrong Kind Of “Glorying” In Our Lives!
  - The Word Translated Here:
    - “Glory” - Means:
      - To Focus On & To Boast In Something!
        - Even - To Take Pride In Something Or Someone!
  - And So - Paul Here Says:
    - “But God Forbid That I Should Glory!”
      - In Anything Or Anyone Other Than:
        - Jesus Christ & His Cross!
  - Because - He Knew That:
    - There Are Some Things:
      - That Are *Of* This World!
    - That You & I Should No Longer:
      - Glory / Boast / Take Pride In:
        - While We Live *In* This World!
    - Things That You & I Should No Longer:
      - Esteem Or Embrace:
        - More Than The Lord!
  - Now - There Are All Kinds Of Things:
    - That We Used To & Can Even Now:
      - Be Tempted To Glory In!
        - This Was Even One Of The Reasons Why Paul Wrote:
          - This Letter To The Galatians!
- Personal Fulfilment:

- Of God's Law Was One Major Thing:
  - That People Tended To Boast In!
- This Is Something That Jesus Himself:
  - Dealt With In His Ministry!
    - When Jesus Told The Rich Young Ruler:
      - "If Thou Wilt Enter Into Life, Keep The Commandments!"
  - How Did The Man Respond?
    - Matthew 19:20 - "All These Things Have I Kept From My Youth Up: What Lack I Yet?"
- This Man Gloried In:
  - His Own Perceived Fulfilment:
    - Of The Law Of God!
- Another Thing That People Tend:
  - To Boast In Is Their:
    - Personal Fervency:
      - For God!
    - In Fact - This Was Something That:
      - Paul Himself Knew All Too Well:
        - About Himself!
  - Because - Before Jesus Saved Him:
    - He Boasted In His "Zeal" - That Resulted In Him Even:
      - "Persecuting The Church!" (Philippians 3:6)
  - So - Paul Gloried In:
    - His Own Fervency:
      - For God!
- Another Thing That People Tend:
  - To Boast In Is Their:
    - Personal Faithfulness:
      - To God!
    - Even About Using:
      - Their Time & Talents:
        - For The Lord!
    - As If - In Some Way:
      - God Would Be Impressed:
        - About Them As Much As:
          - They Are!
  - How Many Glory In:
    - Their Self-Described Faithfulness?
- Or Even - Another Thing That People Tend:
  - To Boast In Is Their:
    - Personal Family - And:
      - Even Their Affiliation With God:
        - Through Others!
  - Again - Paul Is An Example Of This:
    - When - In Philippians 3:4-5 - When He Expressed What So Many Others Took Pride In:
      - "Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: / Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee!"
- All Of These Things:
  - Can Be Problems & Obstacles:
    - Even To Us As Christians:
      - In Who & What:
        - We Really Should Glory & Boast In!
  - Because - All Of This Kind Of Boasting:
    - About Your Own:
      - Fulfilment & Fervency & Faithfulness & Even Family:
        - Is Found In The World!

- This Is Nothing More Than:
  - And No Different Than:
    - The Lust Of The Flesh, The Lust Of The Eyes, And The Pride Of Life!
- And - The Truth Is:
  - We Will Never Be Able To:
    - Live In The World:
      - The Way Jesus Called Us To:
        - If We Continue To Esteem & Embrace Things That:
          - The World Esteems & Embraces!
  - But - Why Would We Even Boast:
    - In *Any* Of These Things?
      - When It Is Jesus Christ Himself:
        - Who Gives Us All That We Need:
          - To Glory In!
      - His Perfect Fulfilment!
        - Of God's Law:
          - For Us!
      - His Perfect Fervency!
        - And Zeal For God:
          - For Us!
      - His Perfect Faithfulness!
        - Who Only Ever Did:
          - That Which Pleased God The Father! And:
      - His Perfect Family!
        - As The Son Of God!
  - So - In Order To Be *Separate* From The World:
    - We Need To Stop Boasting & Glorifying In:
      - The Same Things:
        - The World Boasts & Glories In!
    - Because - That Is The Chief Obstacle:
      - To Overcoming The World!
        - But - This Is Why The Next Thing We Can See From Galatians 6:14 Is:

## 2. ***The Chief Object:***

- For The Right Kind Of:
  - Separation From The World!
    - The Chief Object!
      - And That Object Is:
        - 6:14 - "The Cross Of Our Lord Jesus Christ!"
  - This Is What:
    - We Can & Ought To:
      - Glory / Boast / Take Pride In:
        - As Christians!
    - Because - The Cross Of Christ:
      - Is Our Greatest Glory!
        - It Is What We Ought To:
          - Esteem & Embrace The Most!
  - Now - When Paul Says That:
    - He & We Ought To Glory:
      - In Nothing But:
        - The Cross Of Christ!
    - He Is Not So Much Talking About:
      - The *Wood* Of The Cross:
        - But - The *Work* Of The Cross!
    - Its Not So Much About:
      - Wearing Wooden Crosses:
        - Around Your Neck - Or Even:
          - Having Pieces Of The Supposed Cross! (**IE:** King Charles -

## Coronation Cross - From The Pope)

- Its About Remembering:
  - The Work Of The Cross:
    - In Your Heart!
- Because - As John Calvin Once Wrote:
  - "In The Cross, Redemption Is Found In All Its Parts!"
  - So - We Need To Take Time To Remember & Glory In:
- The Great Peace Of The Cross!
  - As We Find In:
    - Colossians 1:19-20 - "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; / And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven!"
    - We Also Need To Remember & Glory In:
- The Great Pardon Of The Cross!
  - As We Find In:
    - Colossians 2:13-14 - "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; / 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!"
    - We Also Can Remember & Glory In:
- The Great Perfection Of The Cross!
  - As We Find In:
    - 1 Peter 2:22-24 - Where Peter Reminds How Jesus - "Did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: / Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: / Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed!"
    - We Also Can Remember & Glory In:
- The Great Provision Of The Cross!
  - As We Find In:
    - Revelation 1:5 - Because It Is Jesus Who:
      - "Loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood!"
      - We Should Also Remember & Glory In:
- The Great Power Of The Cross!
  - As We Find In:
    - 1 Corinthians 1:18 - "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God!" - And:
      - We Should Also Remember & Glory In:
- The Great Promise Of The Cross!
  - That We Find In:
    - Galatians 1:4 - Because It Is Jesus:
      - "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might *deliver* us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father!"
- *All This* Is What:
  - We Now Have To Glory & Boast In:
    - As Christians!
  - And - When You *Remember* These Things - And:
    - *Reflect* On These Things:
      - It Will Draw You Further Away:
        - From This World - And:
          - Closer To Christ!
- *This* Is How:
  - We *Separate* Ourselves:
    - From The World!
  - So - On A Daily Basis:
    - We Need To:
      - Esteem & Embrace:
        - The Cross!

- After All - As Albert Barnes Once Wrote:
  - In His Commentary On Galatians 6:14:
    - “It was a glorious Savior who died; it was glorious love that led him to die; it was a glorious object to redeem a world; and it is unspeakable glory to which he will raise lost and ruined sinners by his death. O who would not glory in such a Savior! Compared with this, what trifles are all the objects in which people usually boast! And what a lesson is here furnished to the true Christian! Let us not boast of our wealth. It will soon leave us, or we shall be taken from it, and it can aid us little in the great matters that are before us. It will not ward off disease; it will not enable us to bear pain; it will not smooth the couch of death; it will not save the soul. Let us not glory in our strength, for it will soon fail; in our beauty, for we shall soon be undistinguished in the corruptions of the tomb; in our accomplishments, for they will not save us; in our learning, for it is not that by which we can be brought to heaven. But let us glory that we have for a Savior the eternal Son of God!”
    - Now - When The Cross Of Christ:
      - Becomes The Object Of:
        - All Your Glory & All Your Pride:
        - We Then Will See:

### 3. ***The Chief Outcome:***

- Of This Glory!
  - Which Is The Right Kind Of:
    - Separation From The World - Which Will:
      - In Turn - Enable Us:
        - To Live As “Sent” From Jesus!
        - To Fulfill The Function & Mission He Gave Us:
          - In This World!
  - That Is Why - In Galatians 6:14:
    - Paul Adds:
      - “By Whom The World Is Crucified Unto Me, And I Unto The World!”
        - This Truth Will Become Reality More & More:
          - In The Life Of A Cross-Focused Christian!
  - And - What Paul Describes Here:
    - Is A Mutual Crucifixion:
      - Which Will Lead To:
        - Greater Separation!
- Now - Try To Think About:
  - What Took Place:
    - At A Roman Crucifixion!
      - Which Was One Of Their Favorite Methods Of Execution!
  - When Someone Was Crucified:
    - It Meant That:
      - There Was No More Acceptance:
        - Of The Criminal & Of His Crime!
    - Instead - They Became:
      - Rejected Of Men - And:
        - Scorned With Contempt!
  - When Someone Was Crucified:
    - It Meant That:
      - There Was No More Activity:
        - By The Criminal!
    - Instead - He Was Secured To The Cross:
      - And Unable To Do:
        - Whatever He Once Could Do!
  - When Someone Was Crucified:
    - It Meant That:
      - There Were No More Appearances!
        - No More Fraud!
        - No More Deception!
    - Instead - He Was Stripped Completely Naked:

- For All The World To See!
- And - When Someone Was Crucified:
  - It Meant That:
    - There Was No More Attraction!
    - He Was Unable To Draw Anyone Else After Him!
  - Instead - The Grime & Blood:
    - Made His Sight Ugly & Unbearable!
- Now - To The Cross-Focused Christian:
  - This Is What The World Is - And:
    - This Is What The World Will Be:
      - More & More To You!
  - Again - 6:14:
    - "The World Is Crucified Unto Me!"
      - And - The World Is Crucified:
        - Unto You!
  - This Is Because:
    - When You Look At The Cross Of Christ:
      - You Will Also See:
        - The World Being Crucified With Him!
      - And To Us:
        - This Is Glory!
    - After All - It Is Jesus Himself Who Said:
      - John 16:33 - "Be Of Good Cheer; I Have Overcome The World!"
  - And So - To The Cross-Focused Christian:
    - The World Will No Longer Be:
      - As Accepted - As It Once Was!
    - The World Will No Longer Be:
      - As Active - As It Once Was:
        - In Your Life!
    - The World Will No Longer Be:
      - As Attractive - As It Once Was!
  - Instead - Its Appearance:
    - Will Be Open For You:
      - To See It In All Of Its:
        - True Ugliness!
    - But - At The Same Time:
  - This Is What The Cross-Focused Christian:
    - Is - And Will Be:
      - More & More To The World!
    - Again 6:14:
      - "And I Unto The World!"
    - This Is Because:
      - When The World Looks At The Cross Of Christ:
        - They See:
          - Christians Being Crucified With Him!
        - And To Them:
          - It Is Nothing But Shame & Folly!
    - And So - To The World:
      - The Cross-Focused, Separated Christian:
        - Will No Longer Be:
          - Accepted:
            - As One Of Its Own!
        - The Cross-Focused, Separated Christian:
          - Will No Longer Be:
            - Allowed:
              - In Its Activities!
          - The Cross-Focused, Separated Christian:
            - Will No Longer Be:

- Attractive:
  - To It!
- Instead - Your Appearance Will Become:
  - More & More Open & Apparent:
    - For All The World To See!
- And - To The World:
  - You Will Be Ugly!
- But - To Christ:
  - You Will Be Lovely!

**Conclusion:**

1. So - Esteem & Embrace:
  - The Cross Of Christ!
    - So That You Can Live More & More:
      - Separate From This World:
        - And Fulfill Your Mission:
          - To This World!
  - 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!"

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