

“Losing our Religion”

Galatians 6:11-18

I. Paul wants us to lose our religion

Self-justification creates a culture of oppression – doctrinally correct _____

Self-justification is hard to mortify--legalism takes many forms!

“For neither circumcision counts for anything--nor uncircumcision” [15a]

Before long, the “uncircumcision party” will begin to _____

The comforting finality of *“It is finished”* had been eroding

Paul wants us to lose our _____ saviors in order to gain *the* Savior

II. We lose our religion to gain the Gospel

“New creation”--a way to describe the new life that the cross _____

The new creation begins and ends at the cross--the _____ !

A. The Gospel gives us the only good reason to boast!

“Whatever we glory in becomes our _____.” [Stott]

B. The Gospel gives us good reason to die

1. To die to _____

2. To die to _____

“He gave himself for our sins to _____ us from the present evil age” [Gal. 1:4]

C. The Gospel gives us good reason to live!

_____ and _____ are upon those who make the cross their boast [16]

1. Revives and renews our _____

True religion begins--but does not end--in the _____

2. The Gospel revives and renews our _____

“A life of abundance; it is “a rustling of life in all directions” [Abraham Kuyper]

The Gospel _____ a patch of earth and it begins to flourish

D. The Gospel spills over and out--“everything will live where the river goes”

E. The Gospel liberates us to takes _____

“I bear on my body the _____ of Jesus” [17]

The wear and tear of a life lived for others

Paul was a marked man – slaves were _____ in Greek culture

We find our lives when we _____ them

F. The _____ of the Gospel

“The Israel of God” – we enjoy _____ with God’s people in the OT

“Rule” – _____ (measuring rod)

1. The text--*“all Scripture is God-breathed”*

2. The life of the Gospel--we _____ by this rule

We *“act in line with the truth of the Gospel”* [Galatians 2:14]

Apply the Gospel to every corner of our lives