

Message Notes

"Boasting in the Cross and Resurrection!"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "I gotta have some bragging rights!" (James 4:16)

Is there something to boast about and feel good about?

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Galatians 6:14

MOST (The Bridge)

Boasting the Cross of Jesus brings incredible FOCUS to life!

Acts 20:24

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Philippians 3:7-11

Application - "How do you "boast" in the cross?"

1. Know the Genius of the Cross and Resurrection (*Galatians 3:3*)

2. Meditate on the Gravity of your personal sin

3. Take Jesus as your Savior

4. Make Seeking Christ the singular aim of your life (*Isaiah 26:8*)

5. Speak of your passion

James 4:16

As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil.

Jeremiah 9:23, 24

²³This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, ²⁴but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

Galatians 6:14

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Acts 20:24

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

Philippians 3:7-11

⁷But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Isaiah 26:8

Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.