

WEEK 7 | ***GALATIANS 6:11-18***

## FREE TO BE THE NEW ME

As we reach the end of the letter, Paul has one last stab at those trying to enslave the Galatians with pointless laws and requirements. And he reminds the Christians what's really worth boasting about.



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## PRESSURE IN GALATIA

### Read Galatians 6:11-18

1. Summarise again why these 'people pleasers' are convincing the Galatians to be circumcised (verse 12-13).

What does this tell us about what they wanted most in life?

2. How is Paul different from these false teachers? (v14-15)
3. How are verses 14-15 a good summary of the whole letter? Would you add anything?

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## FREEDOM TODAY

With performance reviews and evaluations a normal part of everyday life, it can be easy for us to boast in our own (our your kids) strengths and success.

4. What do you enjoy boasting about?

Why do we enjoy boasting about these things?

It's ok to be proud of our achievements, our work, our families. But the problem comes when we start placing too much value on these things; when we begin to associate status with what we do - or what we have - rather than who we already are in Jesus.

5. Why is the cross of Jesus worth boasting in?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does the cross change what we value?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Paul finishes by encouraging the Galatians to “follow **this rule**” – it's the same **'stoichea'** word we met before that was translated 'basic principles' (4:3,9 footnote) or 'keeping in step' (5:25). What exactly IS our basic rule according to 6:14-15, and what's the result of living by it (6:16)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Are there areas in which you are forfeiting this peace by living for the world's basic principles and approval?

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## GALATIANS REFLECTION

9. In your experience, what outward works or signs (such as circumcision, for the Galatians) are you tempted to emphasise ahead of freedom in Jesus alone?

Share something that you've been convicted of through this series in Galatians and then pray for each other.