

Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, November 16, 2025 Galatians 6:11-18 – The Last Word

Paul concludes his letter to the Galatians by reemphasizing critically important points about living by faith and not by the law.

Paul added a personal note in his own handwriting.

Paul wrote that the Judaizers were avoiding persecution by avoiding the cross.

Paul wrote that the Judaizers were boasting about getting others to obey the law, vs. boasting in the cross.

Paul identified himself as one who bore the marks of Jesus.

Paul's final word was for the believers to experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ by faith!

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by receiving the grace and mercy of God by faith.

May you consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. May sin therefore not reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. May you not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but may you present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:11-14)

Discussion Questions:

- Why does Paul add a personal handwritten section to his letter?
- What were the Judaizers doing to avoid persecution?
- What were the Judaizers boasting about? Why were they boasting in this way?
- Why is it important to focus on the internal change of heart and mind versus external behaviors?
- What does it mean to boast in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ?
- How can we receive the peace and mercy of God?