



SERMON NOTE

Have you ever felt so proud of someones efforts, that you couldn't resist telling everyone you came in contact with about it? Many in the first century were challenged to have this same enthusiasm for the condemned and crucified Nazarene. We are called to do the same today.

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FROM SHAME TO HONOR: BOASTING IN THE CROSS

(Galatians 6:14)

I) The Challenge of Boasting in the Cross

- A) It was an unthinkable thing to do (**1 Cor** 1:22-23).
- B) It was only reserved for the worst of criminals.
- C) It brought dishonor and shame to the public and family.
- D) During His ministry, Jesus often used the cross as a rallying cry for discipleship (**Luke** 9:23).
- E) The cross represented the pinnacle of dreaded circumstances.

II) The Sanity of the Cross (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

- A) It is the power of God (v 24).
- B) It is the wisdom of God (v 24).
- C) God chose...
 - 1) The foolish (v 27).
 - 2) The weak (v 27).
 - 3) The low (v 28).
 - 4) The despised (v 28).
 - 5) The not (v 28).
- D) Thus, the cross becomes an appropriate occasion for boasting in the life of every Christian (**Jeremiah** 9:17-24).

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III) Christian Boasting Requires: Proper Purpose

A) **2 Corinthians** 10:13-18.

1) We must be careful not to boast beyond our limits

(**Dan** 4:28-37).

2) We must keep in mind that the earth & all

it contains is God's (**Psa** 24:1-2).

B) Instead of foolishness and worldly indulgences, Christians were to be known for their abundant gratitude toward God

(**Eph** 5:1-4, 18-20).

IV) Boasting In The Cross In The 21st Century

A) It's just as relevant for us today than for Christ's followers in the 1st century! (**Heb** 9:11-14).

B) Boasting In the cross provides me with confidence and a relevant platform for sharing the Gospel (**1 Tim** 1:12-16).

C) Let me tell you about:

1) My struggles...

2) My direction...

3) My blindness...

4) My troubles...

5) My lifestyle...