

**A WITH LARGE LETTERS. Galatians 6:11.**

- ❖ Paul had ocular issues, so he didn't write his own letters but dictate them to scribes like Tertius (Romans 16:22). Nevertheless, he used to write some words himself (2 Thessalonians 3:17).
- ❖ The closing section of the letter to the Galatians is different from other Paul's letters:
  - He didn't mention personal greetings, since their relationship was tense.
  - Paul wrote a last reprimand written by himself.

**B BOASTING IN THE FLESH. Galatians 6:12-13.**

- ❖ The Judaizers wanted to "make a good showing in the flesh." They were acting to be approved and applauded by the Galatians, to feed their ego.
- ❖ They'd rather convert Gentile Christians to Judaism than having a confrontation with their compatriots. It was much easier for them to make everyone act and believe the same, no matter what the actual truth was.

**C BOASTING IN THE CROSS. Galatians 6:14.**

- ❖ The cross was an offensive symbol at that time. That's how criminals paid for their misdemeanor, a horrible death. How could he boast in such a symbol?
- ❖ The cross of Christ changes everything. We have died with Christ, so the world can no longer enslave us.
- ❖ Boasting in the flesh and boasting in the cross are two mutually exclusive options. We must choose one every day.

**D A NEW CREATION. Galatians 6:15.**

- ❖ We are legalists when we seek salvation in either what we do or what we stop doing. Salvation doesn't rely on our acts but in what God is doing in us.
- ❖ True religion is not a certain external behavior but surrendering our hearts to God.
- ❖ There's nothing we can do to be a new creation. Only the Creator can bring new life to the spiritually dead.
- ❖ When we are justified, a change begins in our lives. We stop being people who try to please the world and we become believers who want to please God.

**E THE MARKS OF THE LORD JESUS. Galatians 6:16-18.**

- ❖ We don't become part of God's true Israel by being physical sons and daughters of Abraham, but by being justified by faith in the Messiah.
- ❖ Paul settled their argument: "From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." (Galatians 6:17).
- ❖ The marks that supported Paul's authority are the wounds caused in his flesh as he was serving his Master (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).