

# THE SWEETNESS OF FREEDOM

GALATIANS

Sunday, June 24, 2018 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## PART 12: WHAT ARE YOU BOASTING ABOUT?

Galatians 6:11-18

**BOASTING:** *to brag or speak with pride about something.*

Your boasting reveals the **HEART** of your worship.

*Your external boasting reveals what's true of you internally...*

Boasting in anything other than Jesus is wasted **BREATH**.

The thing you boast in has **POWER** over you.

...but Jesus' **GRACE** leads to freedom!

# 1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

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## GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever boasted about something only to have it backfire on you? What's something you've been known to boast about?
2. **Read Galatians 6:11-18** and review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## DISCUSS

3. Our study this week will focus on Philippians 3. **Read Philippians 3:1-11**. What parallels do you see with **Galatians 6:12-16**?
4. Back to Philippians 3:1-11—Who is to be the source of their (and our) joy and boasting? (You might also read **Psalms 32:11, Psalm 34:1-5** and **Hebrews 12:2-3** to answer this question.)
5. The church at Philippi was made up primarily of Gentiles (*Gentiles refers to everyone who is not Jewish*); they were mostly Roman citizens, and as such, did not come from a Jewish background. Explain what and whom Paul warns the Philippian believers about, based upon what he wrote in **Phil. 3:2** and what the following verses address: **Acts 15:1-11; Gal. 3:1-6**.
6. In contrast, how are the people of the “true circumcision” described in **Philippians 3:3**?
7. **Read Philippians 3:4-6 again**. In verse 4 Paul says, “If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more.” List four advantages he had from birth. — How did Paul view his privileges and achievements according to **Philippians 3:7**?
8. Things are not very different today. Legalism or religious tradition can rob us of joy and freedom in Christ. We can begin to focus on ourselves and our accomplishments. But what is God interested in our doing? **Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:22-23**
9. What is your resume of privileges and achievements? You have some by birth and some by your efforts. List them.
10. Are there any that you're placing undue trust in? How are you doing at counting them as “loss” compared to knowing Jesus?

## CLOSING

11. If you had to sum up the message of the whole book of Galatians in a few words, what would you say?
12. As we wrap up our series through Galatians, what are things you've learned? Are there any highlights for you? How has it impacted/will it impact you?

# FREEDOM

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.  
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

## Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Milford Christian Church.

## Personal Prayer Items

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## Word Find for Galatians 6:11-18 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

11 See with what **large letters** I am writing to you with my own **hand**. 12 It is those who **want to make a good showing** in the **flesh** who would **force** you to be **circumcised**, and **only in order** that they may not be **persecuted** for the **cross** of **Christ**. 13 For **even** those who are **circumcised** do not themselves **keep** the law, but they **desire** to have you **circumcised** that they may **boast** in your **flesh**. 14 But far be it from me to **boast** except in the **cross** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, by which the **world** has **been crucified** to me, and I to the **world**. 15 For **neither circumcision counts for anything**, nor **uncircumcision**, but a new **creation**. 16 And as for all who **walk** by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. 17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of **Jesus**. 18 The grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ** be with you spirit, brothers. Amen.

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