

A New Creation



Galatians 6:11-18

A New Creation

Galatians

- why written
- big Ideas
 - gospel – and adding to it
 - authority – endorsing Paul
 - slaves – free, servants – son's
 - law vs. life in the spirit
 - freedom vs. obligation
 - feeding flesh vs. life in spirit



A New Creation

Galatians 6:11-18

¹¹See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh.



A New Creation

¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God. ¹⁷ Finally, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen”



A New Creation

1 This is Urgent & Matters - 11

- not waiting on a scribe
- personal

2. Watch for These Guys – 12,13

- a) huge focus on exterior
- b) avoid being persecuted for cross
- c) deluded and hypocritical
- d) show arrogance and pride



A New Creation

3. Try This

a) boast only in the cross

- what Jesus did

- what I received

- what God is doing in me

- no matter what length you take, only God can do it!

*law is a diagnostic tool, cross holds the cure



A New Creation

b) Where peace and mercy found

- peace – shalom, wholeness, absence of anxiety, strain, stress
- mercy – not receiving what I do deserve

*for all of God's children – found at the cross and through the indwelling presence of God in this new creation



A New Creation

3. Evident I Belong to Jesus

- gk. – marks of shame or dishonor, stigma
- slaves, soldiers – bore marks of ownership and loyalty
- Paul – bears marks of belonging to Jesus
 - beaten, chains, torture, stoning
- fully committed to Christ



A New Creation

So What

1. Be on Guard against those that would add to the Gospel
 - a) focus on exterior
 - b) avoid difficult stands on cross issues and theology
 - c) inability to act as they are calling others to
 - d) find a pride in accomplishments and followers



A New Creation

2. Keep the Cross in View

- reminded of what Jesus did
- recounting what I received
- renewing sowing in the Spirit
- obeying out of love – not fear
- finding through new life in Christ
the peace and mercy God
desires



A New Creation

3. Keep a Record of God's Work

- testimony to God rescuing you
- pointing to God providing for you
- recounting God revealing himself
- recalling God disciplining you
- retelling God's forgiveness of you

* Bear witness to God at work, and the difference it made



A New Creation



Galatians 6:11-18