## THE GOSPEL IN GALATIANS

# Outline #14 Boasting in the Cross

Scripture Song: Galatians 2:20–21

### 1. A personal note: Paul's own hand

- a) Galatians 6:11-18
- b) Romans 16:21-27
- c) 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- d) Galatians 6:11, what is the significance of the large letters?

#### 2. Boasting in the flesh

- a) Galatians 6:12-13
- b) How would compliance with works of the law be seen as a way to avoid persecution for the cross of Christ?
- c) Is it appropriate to comply with certain cultural expectations in order to avoid persecution? 1 Corinthians 9:22
- d) 2 Timothy 3:12

## 3. Boasting in the Cross

- a) Galatians 6:14
- b) 1 Corinthians 1:23
- c) Why does Paul boast about the cross?
  - i) What does it tell us about his change of perspective since becoming a follower of Jesus?
  - ii) Philippians 3:7-11
- d) Have you been crucified to the world? What does that mean?

#### 4. A new creation

- a) Galatians 6:15
- b) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- c) How has your life changed as a result of your understanding and acceptance of what Jesus did for you on the cross?
- d) A new creation implies the work of the Creator rather than our own work. Why is it important to remember this important truth? How can we cooperate with our Creator and Redeemer in this life transformation?
- e) Why does Paul only boast about Jesus even though he has experienced a great deal of personal life transformation?

#### 5. Final remarks

- a) Galatians 6:16-18
- b) What rule is Paul referring to?
- c) What are the marks of the Lord Jesus that Paul bears on his body? (stigmata)
  - i) 2 Corinthians 4:10
  - ii) 2 Corinthians 11:23-29
- d) Why is Paul's closing sentence so important?