

Boasting in the Cross Galatians 6:11-18

V.12: Religion appeals to our flesh because it enables us to appear externally _____, even when we're internally _____.

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."
- Matthew 6:1-2

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward." - Matthew 6:5

"Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward." - Matthew 6:16

..."You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." - Luke 16:15

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves." - Matthew 23:15

When the _____ is removed from Christianity, so too is our only means of _____.

V.13: The heart of any religion is what you _____.

3 Reason to Boast in the Cross:

1) The Cross frees us from bondage to the _____.

"They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."
- Matthew 17:16

2) The Cross accomplished what the flesh could not – genuine _____.

"...unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- John 3:3

3) The Cross offers salvation to _____ who _____ to be born again and become a "new creation".

V.16: "Spiritual Israel", "believing Israel", and "the remnant" are all _____ for "the Israel of God".

...For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." - Romans 9:6-7

Galatians can be summarized thusly: We are dead to the Law, dead to the _____, and dead to _____.