

Family Fellowship Week beginning 23rd November- Boasting: Gal 6 v 11-18

Monday 23/11/20

Read Galatians 6 v11

Can you think of any time when you have taken the time to write something in your own handwriting and even make it really big and bold?

Maybe you have written a Christmas list recently! What is on your list?

Is there anything you wrote in bigger letters or in a different colour or underlined? Why would you do this?

Trevor helped us understand that Paul wrote this bit of the letter in his own handwriting and bigger so that everybody would know he wrote it, he thought it was really important and he wanted his readers to remember it.

V14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray: Scott, Ruth, **ELIJAH** and Lydia

Tuesday 24/11/20

Galatians Ch 6 V14 May I never boast except in the cross of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chat: What is your favourite book? Can you remember any of Robin's favourite books?

Robin reminded us in the children's story of a book where one of the characters died at the end. It was really sad because he had died and also because the story was over.

Can you remember why it is so different with the death of Jesus?

Paul was not sad that King Jesus has died. He is celebrating the death of King Jesus. He is making it his proud boast. Why? Because the death of King Jesus was not the end, it was the beginning. Death could not hold our King. He burst from the grave to start a new story and he invites us to live with him and realise this is a story that goes on for ever and just gets better and better. We can rejoice in this great good news and tell it to anyone who will listen.

Pray: Cuthberts – It was Micah's 1st birthday on Sunday

Wednesday 25/11/20

Can you think of anything that we might insist on people doing in order that they would be welcome in our church?

Examples – What they wear, where they come from, who their parents are.

Why is this so dangerous?

Paul reminds us in this letter that some people wanted to add to the good news of the gospel that believing and trusting in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross is enough! He reminds us that by adding anything to this we are actually saying that what Jesus did dying on the cross was not enough!

The people in Paul's day were boasting in the things that they did to try to please God. They were claiming these extra things were also important if they really wanted to be part of God's family.

We need to remember that we can't do anything by ourselves that will make us right with Jesus. The only thing that happens when we try to earn our way to heaven is that we become proud and stop from trusting and loving Jesus.

Pray: Kennedys and how they all manage school in difficult days

Thursday 26/11/20

Philippians 3 v 4-11

What kind of things do you think we are tempted to boast about instead of boasting in the cross of Jesus?

Paul gave us a list of things he could have boasted about. Did you spot them in the reading?

What do you think we might be tempted to boast about?

- I go to church every week!
- My parent is a leader in church!
- I can remember really long memory verses!

Paul reminds us this is all rubbish in comparison to knowing Jesus as Lord.

No matter how impressive our list may look, we must remember that we fall so far short of God's perfect standard and our only hope in life and death is the cross of Jesus! Actually our list of what we think are good things can become a real difficulty to us if we forget we need Jesus.

Pray: McCrackens

Friday 27/11/20

Paul also reminds us that being a Christian and boasting in the cross of Jesus will not always be easy. He says that some of the people in his day were just doing things to avoid persecution.

What is persecution? (being treated badly because of what they believed)

He says in verse 17 "I bear on my body the marks of Jesus". Can you think of any times Paul suffered because he told people about the importance of the cross of Christ? (Shipwrecked, put in prison, whipped).

It is unlikely that we will suffer injuries if we tell other people about Jesus, but this is still common in other parts of the world. In what ways might we be persecuted for believing in Jesus publically.

Loss of friends, bullied?

In the bible we are reminded that all believers will suffer at some stage because of their faith, but we are reminded that it is worth it, and God will give us the strength and grace we need.

Pray: Suarezs

Saturday/ Sunday 28-29/11/20

Robin mentioned in his children's story that he loved the book called the Gruffalo and that he would mention it in his evening sermon!

If you have read the book can you remember why the mouse was not afraid of lots of things that he would usually be terrified of, because they would normally be trying to eat Him? I have to admit that I don't know the book very

well, but Robin told us on Sunday evening that it was because the Gruffalo was walking right behind him.

If we are Christians, why do we not need to be afraid of things that are actually quite difficult and scary?

Read 1 John 4v4

You, dear children are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Pray: Carsons and Henry Bell