

Boast In The Cross

(Galatians 6:14)

- Introduction:
1. "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Galatians 6:14).
 2. Why would anyone want to "boast" in the cross, an instrument of death?
 3. The answer is because the cross is a great paradox.
 - a. Instrument of death - but it gives life.
 - b. Darkest day in history - but on it hung the light of the world.
 - c. Premeditated murder - but also predestined sacrifice.
 - d. Great act of sin - but it was also a great cure for sin.
 - e. On the cross, Jesus won by losing and he conquered by surrendering.
 - f. The cross demonstrates how much God hates sin - but how much he loves the sinner.
 4. The cross is central to the Christian faith, and rightly so, for it gives meaning, hope, and stability for our lives.
 5. Let's examine three messages from the cross which give stability to my life.

I. The Cross Declares That My Life Is Not Futile

- A. You are not an obscurity, but an object of God's love.
- B. (John 3:16).
- C. (2 Timothy 1:9).

II. The Cross Declares That My Failures Are Not Fatal

- A. (Luke 23:43).
- B. (Ephesians 1:7).
- C. (1 John 2:1).
- D. (1 John 1:9).

III. The Cross Declares That My Death Is Not Final

- A. (1 Corinthians 15:22).
- B. (Hebrews 12:2).

- Conclusion:
1. All of us have suffered from what life can throw at us and can shake our faith and knock us off balance.
 2. It's at these moments that we really need to look back to the cross, and lean on it for stability.