

12 – Galatians 6:11-18 - Final words**What really matters**

If you could communicate just one thing into the minds of those who did not follow Jesus what would it be?

... any potential for opposition was real.

See Acts 14

in order to avoid any opposition

... this changed gospel is no gospel at all.

... Paul is concerned for them and their eternity.

... the false teachers are certainly more concerned for themselves

The cross of Christ

... the gospel is all about being made just as if you had never sinned (justified) through faith in Christ.

= his concern for the cross of Christ.

Crucified the world to him

verse 14

Gal 6:7ff ... we will reap what we sow.

= through the work of Jesus on the cross, no longer looking to the world for his fulfilment and purpose.

= v 15 a new creation.

Not a walk in the park

On one fork, there are the false teachers with a false gospel

On the other fork, there is the real gospel which is all about faith in Jesus alone.

For us todayi) **Our Gospel concern**

1) Do we have clarity to the gospel that reflects the gospel as first passed on by the apostles?

2) Has our gospel concern in our own lives meant that we earnestly seek to sow in our own lives actions to please the Spirit?

Isaiah 29:13. “The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught”.

- 3) Has our heart changed so that we live with this gospel concern being reflected at our very core?**
- 4) Without falling into the trap of legalism, how did your conversations and prayers over this last week reflect your gospel concern?**

ii) Gospel cost

... gospel concern will bring gospel persecution.

... persecution varies in different places and at different times

1 Peter 3:15... We must share the reason for our hope but do it with gentleness and respect keeping a clear conscience.