

10. The New Creation

Galatians 6:11-18

Paul's summary, written in his own handwriting (v11).

Chapters 1,2: Paul has established his apostolic authority from Christ, and warned against the hypocrisy of those advocating circumcision

Chapters 3,4: The true children of Abraham are the children of promise, who inherit in Christ

Chapters 5,6a: The children of promise live by the Spirit (5:19-25)

A new creation in Christ Jesus!

Overview

v11 Personal greeting
v12 Marked in the flesh
v13 What rule for life?

The new creation (vv14,15)

v18 What rule for life?
v17 Marked in the flesh
v18 Personal greeting

Untidiness and confusion



Grace and peace

Overview

Troublemakers, peacemakers and the true gospel

'Solo Christo' (Christ alone) is the measuring rod

The new creation in Christ Jesus

Troublemakers, peacemakers, and the true gospel

Make the gospel palatable to Jews

Obtain protection under the law (v13)

Make it easy to see and count who is a convert (v13,14)

The wrong kind of contextualisation!

Blur gender issues?

Life = parties?

No, Christ crucified!

and how that changes things

Troublemakers, peacemakers, and the true gospel

The real *stigmata* (marks)

The scars from Paul's imprisonment, beatings,
narrow escapes, shipwrecks etc.

That is sharing in Christ's sufferings.

‘Solo Christo’ is the measuring rod

Justification by law is ‘box ticking’

Instead we have a rule or measure (*kanon*) to ensure accurate construction -

That rule is ‘Christ alone’!

- construction of the new creation

The new creation

Refurbish or rebuild?

One promise (3:16) but a new covenant (Jer.31:31-33)

Circumcision is no longer relevant (vv14,15)

The new creation is a work in progress (Romans 12:1,2)

... so we still need the measuring rod

... but the grand design (Israel of God) can be seen

Peace, mercy (v16, v17, Numbers 6:22-27)

... and grace (v18)