Bible Study Guide – Galatians 6:11-17
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Paul typically dictated his letters for someone close to him to write out. The Christians at Antioch as well as Barnabas would have been near to assist him at the time of this writing. However, as the apostle brings this letter to a close, we find him saying in **verse 11** – "Notice what large letters I use as I write these closing words **in my own handwriting**."
NOTES:

What was Paul's purpose in writing to the Galatian believers?

Paul quickly summarizes the basic points he made previously as in **v. 12-13**, he speaks of the SELFISH motives of the Judaizers. *What does he accuse them of seeking?*

¹² Those who are trying to **force you** to be circumcised *want to look good to others*. **They don't want to be persecuted** for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save. ¹³ *And even those who advocate circumcision don't keep the whole law themselves*. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast about it and claim you as their disciples.

Paul identifies <u>two motives on the part of the Judaizers</u> as they try to *force their ways* upon the Galatian believers:

1) They want to _____ before the Jewish leadership.

2) They want to _____ persecution, so they modify their doctrine, and change the truth to make it go easier with others they want to please.

Finally – He says they are _____,
for **they don't keep the whole law**.
They only do that which might make them look good _____.

What was the true mission of Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 –
[19] For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave <u>us</u> this wonderful message of reconciliation. *[20] So we are Christ's ambassadors*; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Based on this passage, what was the mission the Father gave to the Son when He sent Him to be born of a virgin?

Luke 19:10 – For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. **Who did that include**, "*those* who are **lost**"?

You know **John 3:16**, but do you know **John 3:17** – For He did not send His Son to condemn the world, but <u>that the world through Him might be **saved**</u>.

If the mission of Christ was to <u>bring about **reconciliation**</u> between mankind *and* God the Father, then what is another way of saying this?
Hint: Look back at the last of John 3:17.

When Jesus came to this earth He created, **weren't the Jewish leaders already looking good on the outside**?
So, did *some* need Jesus and *some* people not?
Were some already okay?
In **Romans 3:10** – "**No one** is righteous— not even _____."

For though <u>man may look on the outside</u>, **God looks on the INSIDE**.

Let's consider the story of the prophet Samuel, when he was sent by God to anoint one of Jesse's sons to be the next king over God's people.
Read: **1 Samuel 16:4-12** – [6] So it was, when they came, that Samuel looked at **Eliab** and said, *"Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!"* [7] But the Lord said to Samuel, "<u>Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him</u>. **For** *the Lord* **does not** *see* **as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"
After Jesse had made his sons pass before the prophet, Samuel asked Jesse, "Is there not another young man?" Jesse then told him of his young shepherd boy, David.

Samuel's response is found in **v. 11**, when he said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For **we will not sit down** <u>till he comes here</u>."
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Let's return now to **verses 14-18** –

¹⁴ As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died**. ¹⁵ It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. **What counts is whether we have been transformed** into A NEW CREATION. ¹⁶ May God's peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; *they* are **the new people of God**.

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As Paul wraps up he makes one last comment that I would like to consider: ¹⁷ From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the **scars** that show I belong to Jesus.

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