



The Word Of God For Us Today

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The marks of the Lord Jesus

Galatians 6:15-18 KJV For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. (16) And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. (17) **From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.** (18) Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Very Heart of The Matter

A good explanation for this section of scripture can be found in [*Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary*](#):

Gal 6:16-18

A new creation to the image of Christ, as showing faith in him, is the greatest distinction between one man and another, and a blessing is declared on all who walk according to this rule. The blessings are, peace and mercy. Peace with God and our conscience, and all the comforts of this life, as far as they are needful. And mercy, an interest in the free love and favour of God in Christ, the spring and fountain of all other blessings. The written word of God is the rule we are to go by, both in its doctrines and precepts. May his grace ever be with our spirit, to sanctify, quicken, and cheer us, and may we always be ready to maintain the honour of that which is indeed our life. **The apostle had in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus, the scars of wounds from persecuting enemies, for his cleaving to Christ, and the doctrine of the gospel.**

The apostle calls the Galatians his brethren, therein he shows his humility and his tender affection for them; and he takes his leave with a very serious prayer, that they might enjoy the favour of Christ Jesus, both in its effects and in its evidences. We need desire no more to make us happy than the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **The apostle does not pray that the law of Moses, or the righteousness of works, but that the grace of Christ, might be with them; that it might be in their hearts and with their spirits, quickening, comforting, and strengthening them: to all which he sets his Amen; signifying his desire that so it might be, and his faith that so it would be.**

Another place, in God's Word that is somewhat akin to the marks of Jesus is found in Philippians 3:8-16

Philippians 3:8-16 KJV Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ, (9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: (10) **That I may know him, and A. the power of his resurrection, and B. the fellowship of his sufferings, being C. made conformable unto his death;** (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (12) Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (15) **Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded:** and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. (16) Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

A Dear man of God — Lester Roloff (who is now in his eternal home) Used to sing a grand old song — Oh, To Be Like Thee. I am going to try to play this for you in the background of this letter, but I hope also provide the song for you as an attachment — not to worry, I use a good virus program that catches things both incoming and out going.

May The Lord Bless You Today.

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