

**The Heart of Our Faith**  
 Series: Galatians – Charter of Freedom  
 – Galatians 6:11-18 –

## 1. Paul's Signature

*See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!*

## 2. Paul's Summary

### A. His Enemies

*Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh.*

### B. His Boast

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God. Finally, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.*

### C. His Benediction

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.*

### Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you?
2. How would you complete the following word of advice to growing Christians?  
*Explore the book of Galatians if you want to learn more about...*
3. When did your faith become more than a ritual? How valuable was your own religious instruction in bringing you to Christ?
4. Who was the Paul in your life who encouraged you in the early days of your Christian faith?
5. What does it mean to “boast” in the cross of Jesus (vs. 14)? Is this boasting a part of your life?
6. On a scale of 1 (baby steps) to 10 (giant leaps), how has your relationship with God progressed over the last year?

