THE NEW CREATION

Galatians 6:11–18

Key Verse: 6:15

1. How did Paul authenticate this letter, and how does this reinforce the authority of its teachings? (11; cf. 2Th3:17)
2. Why were the Judaizers forcing people to be circumcised? (12,13; 4:17) In contrast, what was Paul’s goal in helping people, and why? (4:19) What does it mean “to impress people by means of the flesh”? (12a; cf. Mt23:5a) Why is it wrong to seek personal glory through ministry?
3. What was Paul’s resolution? (14) How did the cross of Christ change him? (2:20) What does it mean to “be crucified to the world”? How does Paul’s testimony serve as a model for all of us?
4. Read verse 15. What is the only thing that counts? What is “the new creation,” and how can this happen in our lives? (2:16; 3:2,5,26,27; cf. 2Co5:17) What does it mean to live as a new creation? (4:6; 5:1,6,13,16,22,23; 6:8,14)
5. How did Paul make this emphasis on “the new creation” a universal rule for all churches, and how are those who follow it blessed? (16) Practically, how can we live by this principle in our lives and ministry? In light of Paul’s teachings in Galatians, who is the “Israel of God”? (3:28,29; 4:26,28) What characterizes this new community?
6. How did Paul share his personal struggle with them? (17) What did he mean by “the marks of Jesus”? (Ac14:19,20) What final blessing did he bestow upon them? (18)