

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*Galatians 6:12-16*  
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*“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. 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. 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. It doesn’t matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation. May God’s peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God.” (Galatians 6:12–16, NLT)*

**1. On this day I remember that the cross offends many people.**

*“Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching that circumcision is necessary, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the cross wouldn’t be offensive anymore.” (Galatians 5:11, GW)*

*“God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.” (Galatians 4:5, NLT)*

**A. Forgiveness is always expensive.**

**B. Sin is a debt we owe and cannot pay.**

**C. The offense of the cross that the only to God is through Jesus’ death.**

**2. On this day I remember to always boast in the Cross of Christ.**

*“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.”*

(Galatians 6:14, NLT)

*They don’t want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save.”* (Galatians 6:12, NLT)

**3. On this day I remember that Jesus bought my freedom at the Cross.**

*“He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”*

(1 Peter 2:24, NAB)

*“For my part, I am going to boast about nothing but the Cross of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that Cross, I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate.”*

(Galatians 6:14, Message)