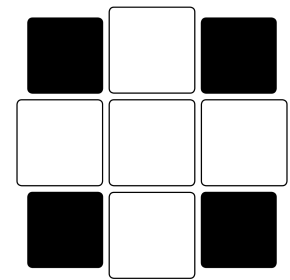


Boasting in Christ

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

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Overview

We often find it distasteful when others exhibit excessive pride in their abilities, possessions or achievements. But our reaction may make us blind to the boasting in our own hearts. Boasting can be understood as praising or rejoicing in what brings us ultimate confidence. All have sinned and a key element of that sin is a boasting in ourselves rather than God. **Christ's all-encompassing work in our salvation demands that our boast be in Him alone.**

Corroborating Texts

Exodus 4:10, Isaiah 53:2, Acts 2:22-24, Luke 10:21-22, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 2:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:7-8, Jeremiah 9:23-24

Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on your motivation to acquire new abilities, possessions or achievements. What portion of that motivation is “have something to talk about” or have others think well of you? When is this a problem?
2. If we are convicted of boasting in ourselves, what might that behavior reveal about our understanding of sin and grace? [it may be an indicator that we are at times in denial of our need for Christ and in His complete sufficiency]
3. How can the doctrine of the union with Christ practically change our boasting? [remembering that our old identity died with Him and our new identity rose with Him and is hidden in Him should cause us to boast only in Him]
4. Many of us intellectually accept that our wisdom, righteousness and redemption are all free gifts of God's grace. Is this also true of our sanctification or do we need to work at it? [Yes, our progressive holiness is exclusively a gift of God's grace AND we have to work at it. Thankfully, God works in the believer to will and to work for His good pleasure—see Philippians 2:13]