

Sermon Guide

Teaching Series - The Cross Paradox

Sermon Title - Offended or Satisfied

Sermon Date - Sunday Mar 15, 2026

Warm Up Question - Have you run a race or participated in a competition before? Describe your experience.

Teaching Text: Galatians 5:1-12 (Key Verse 11)

Study Questions: (*Study questions are meant to support better understanding of the teaching text or encourage further study.*)

1. In verse 1, what does Paul say Christ has set us free from and for? Why did Jesus have to die?
2. What contrast does Paul make in verses 5–6 between law and faith?
3. Reflect on verses 7-9. What is Paul's point to these two illustrations?
4. Why is Paul so forceful—even confrontational—in this section?

Application Questions: (*Application questions are intended to promote conversation on how God is directing us to apply the sermon, either personally or to the group as a whole.*)

1. Why do you think the message of the cross can be offensive to people? What part of the gospel is hardest for people to accept: that we're sinful, that we can't earn it, or that grace is free?
2. Is the cross your boast? What does it look like in your life to boast in the cross?
3. Read 1 Cor 9:24 - Consider your life as a Christ follower as a race. How did it start? What is the prize? Has your understanding of the prize changed throughout your race? What obstacles have you faced that have shifted your attention off the prize? What part of the race are you currently in?

Pray: Take time together to listen to the Spirit's leading and pray God's will for one another.

Bonus: A Cross Perspective - John 19:17-30