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Galatians 6:14

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Jesus Christ

- Was both God and man
- Lived a perfect life
- Was unjustly condemned and killed
- On a cruel cross
 - a means of horrendous torture, shame, & execution

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The One and Only Key

Galatians 6:11-14

The end of Paul's letter to the church in Galatia

<http://bib.ly/Ga6.NIV>

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

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh 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 keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. 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 the new creation.

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Paul's emphasis:
here is the essential message for you to hear

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No human actions can ever solve the human problem

- **We are all broken people**
- **We are in a broken system**
- **We will all die, and be replaced by more broken people in the same broken system**

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The only true hope: something new

- **People who are not broken**
- **In a system that is not broken**
- **That will not decay and die**

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- Stop looking to lesser things for true hope
- Turn away from despair
- Put your hope in the cross of Christ alone!

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**Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
we are set free from the law of sin and death
and are given new life in the perfect creation of God**

**Will you boast in, trust in, delight in, and celebrate in
the loving sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ alone?**