

Gal 6:14 - Intro: Three basic reactions to Cross of X - Offends

Some people = the simplicity of it offends their pseudo-intellectual reasoning;
because it offends their belief that man is basically good - their taste = Horror
is offensive to them - a point of entertainment - ashamed of it.

Indifferent to it

Glory in it = gl when Portuguese traders, following trail of
great explorer Vasco da Gama, settled in Macao on south coast of
China, built a massive Cathedral on hill overlooking harbor.

In front wall, triangular, atop it was great bronze cross - cross to
ship as soon as first thing seen on top of horizon was that great bronze
cross, standing serene, sublime, sin dogging in sin.

Portuguese against great typhoons = one by one they
till the church - till finally 300 years ago the church fell -
all except the front wall -

In 1825 Sir John Bowring, governing Hong Kong visited
Macao - saw the cross, had heard of it - visited the church - the rubble,
debris = a towering conical all, serene, sublime - stood that great bronze cross -
- so impressed by the scene wrote his famous hymn.

"In the cross of X I glory,
Towering o'er the wreck of time,
At the light of sacred story
Gather round its head sublime!"

1- A Cross is about the last thing a man would glory in. (Cor 1:23)

① to glory in a cross is a paradox = to be crucified is to be accursed

Gal 3:13 - (gl of chair or gallows or beheading)

② Paul had much he could've gloried in = Phil 3 Paul would allow no competition

2- The boast is the measure of the man. It gives us the key to their
Character -

① Paul had gloried worthily he could boast about Phil 3 = no
confidence in the flesh - so he could proudly say = "glory only
the cross."

your conception of the Cross

(=)

3. What Cross did Paul glory in = Not the Cross of the Church, of religion = we've beautified it - on top, clouds, around necks, on walls

① we're wearing crosses but not bearing them.

Jsn. 53: didn't look like a man

4. He glories in the Cross of X - nothing beautiful about that - I identify myself w/ the cross + all it represents -

① It is the measure of man's hatred to D = Remember, the world has already told us what it stands for X ~~was~~ was ~~man~~ man - I glory in siding w/ the Man the World rejected

② It is the measure of D's love for man = when man did his worst, D did His best.

③ It is the measure of my love for X - John 12:32 - not to gaze in sentimental wonder - curvint or pit, - not even to bow at its feet + worship - But to get on that Cross w/ X + share his death - To die w/ him. Gal 2:20

Paul 3 death
1 - self - 2:20
2 - of faith - 5:24
3 - world - 6:14

5. Two things happen when you get involved w/ the Cross

I - As far as you're concerned, the world dies - that is the cross wounded Paul from the world - the world that slows put an end to itself. Paul can never believe in it, take pride in it, nor do homage to it.

The world is stripped of its glory, robbed of its power to charm or control him.

Its smile can't enter him; its praise can't discourage him.

- The world was once to Paul a living, vast + tremendous reality. W/ its smile hangs his hopes; its frown hangs his ruin.

Consequently, he was the world's slave: + the world was his absolute + cruel Lord -

2. But the Cross has set him free - the world can no longer
tempt or terrify him. what liberty!!!

The glory of the world is dead, obliterated.
all Paul ever wrote, the glory of Rome = They are Dead Thanks To Paul

Paul could sing -

"Can't come,
I died last
week."

"Jesus, I my Cross have taken, all to leave & follow thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou, from hence, my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition: O & heaven are still my own."

II. As far as the world is concerned you are Dead - this is a
mutual crucifixion. X has set up his Cross between the believer &
the world & they are separated, completely & forever

1- Saul the Pharisee was a reputable, religious man of the world,
recognized by it, alive to it, taking his place in its affairs -
but that old man has been crucified by X - the
present Paul is in the world's opinion another man altogether.

2- Paul's ideals & outlooks have now become so spiritual &
other-worldly that the world can ignore him, just as if he
ceased to be.

3- He would who would go back into that other world, must step
over the cross to do it

4- you will no longer be looked upon as 'cool', as 'let it.'

5- The world will write you off -