

God Forbid that I Should Glory But in the Cross – 07 03 05

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In Galatians 6th chapter and the 14th verse: But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our lord Jesus Christ. God forbid that I should glory, you or I should glory. But in one thing he would glory, save in the cross of our lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me, I unto the world. You know folks we are so controlled today by what others think. Now what kind of life is that? If I am controlled by just what others think, what about my own thinking? What am I really worth? If the life style of somebody, there were a queer set of young people that had risen up. This was back in the fifties. They called them teddy boys. The teddy boys tended to group together, we didn't have these gangs, they tended to group together, they were not very dangerous in that sense. But they had the distinctive style. They had drain pipes! You don't call them drain pipes anymore. You know because that's the fashion of the day by which you should have skin tight pants. They are treated to some ugly, ill-fitting cloths. They were called teddy boys but they were a harmless breed compared to what we have now with gangs and gang warfare and things like that. But is the design which came into the mind of some designer which says why you so much clothing? Make it minimal; make it skimpy, just a nine inch strip of cloth short to suffice. Do you go with that? Just because everybody does it? But today it's just like that. Everybody does it is the rule. Now here god forbid that I should glory in anything but the cross by which I am crucified to the world. You know with me public opinion did not count very much. The public can denounce you as a fanatic if you say holiness without which no man shall see the lord. I am only quoting the bible. Should you dare say that in public? They will say you are fanatic. Do I go by what they say or by what god says? You know young fellow has told me I learnt sin from my dad. That's including adultery. Do you know others have told me, they said, well, my mother told us that our dad has just been this right from the wedding day. He has been an unfaithful man that the father was an immoral character and those boys had repeated it to me. Now my dear friends, is there any alternative to holiness? No. and today there is temptation, of course, all the time. One evening, and went into my hotel room as quickly as possible, I wanted to, it was late, quite late and the room boy said to me what would you have to drink? I said maybe I'm not a great coco cola man but one has to drink something which is safe you know. So I said ok, get me a Coke. Isn't there anything else which you need? Don't you want a girl for the night? I said to him, young fellow, look, I have been a traveller from the days of my

youth, god has kept me clean. Dare you tempt travellers in this manner, that fellow straightened up. Yes, you and I have to tell the world that the cross has delivered us otherwise we would have been the part of the problem. We would have been the problem. God forbid that I should glory in anything but the cross. You know one of those store keepers was having lot of trouble in the transport. A great state transport and this man was being unjustly badgered and people didn't like him. You know my dear friends when you are ordering parts for a whole fleet of buses and you are in charge of all the stores. Well, people misuse these things pretty much. they put a lot of money in their pockets by way of commissions and so on. Here was this young man who had been converted and straight as a blade, of course, in the beginning they will laugh at you, they will say you are a fool you make money and you share a little with us, a computer engineer told me here in this country that when he claimed his rent, his colleague said to him oh no you are to inflate the figure, that's how it's always been and we share the booty. He said no, I can't do it. How wonderful! Is there any way by which the heart of man can be cured in this fashion? No. and when you have a person like that in the transport, taking care of quality goods, seeing there is no leak in the system, who gains? You gain, I gain, the fares don't go shooting up. You know one of the reasons the why fares keep shooting up is because of pilferage. Everybody is pilfering these days and when I talked to conductors they say oh we have made a lot of money, you know issuing tickets and so on but all that ceases. It comes back to your pocket. And nation benefits. Now take the cross out, the death of Jesus Christ for sin and sinners, take it out, find me a substitute. Put one of these fictitious gods there, find me a substitute. I'll tell you, your destruction will be accelerated. The devastation and destruction is being accelerated by the pride which rejects Jesus. If you look at the bottom of the problem, don't people know the difference? My dear friends, we can't fool ourselves. This business of half-hearted Christianity, ditch it. It's not going to help you, it's not going to help your family and you are going to wake up an old miserable man one of these days and say I have lost my opportunity. Do you know that the hottest flames of hell or lost opportunities? Why should I have to apologize about Jesus Christ to anybody? Why should I have to apologize for the cross of Jesus which transforms a wretch like me? I don't have to apologize to anybody on the face of the earth. So when I talk in my television broadcast, I lay it straight, there can't be quibbling here, there is no other way, nothing else to glory in except the cross. And that's your only life line, that's your only hope to go to the cross and say lord look at me, you can see in what condition I am and lift me, please cleanse me. You know our thoughts need to be cleansed. Do you know? Because thought life is

the motor behind you and negative thoughts, all the time negative thoughts or just thoughts of the flesh. Where are you going to get with that? What are you going to accomplish with that? Is your life going to be lost in these negative thoughts? No. Jesus gives you positive thoughts. You know when I go to the lord, when I go preach in a sad situation in some very desolate country, poor country, I say lord what can I do for this country, how shall I lift this country? First if we can cut that crime rate, what are we doing? We are saving such a lot of funding which can be channeled into some positive things. If you cut the drunkenness, if you cut family strife, what are you doing? You are cutting health cause for the nation. Of course, the gospel does it, I can't do it, the cross does it. God forbid that I should glory in anything but the cross by which I am crucified to the world and the world unto myself. So may the lord help you to put this into concrete action! Let's go to the cross.