I. INTRODUCTION—THE NATURE OF MOTIVE
   A. The difference between what you do and why you do it
   B. The difficulty of discerning why you do what you do

II. BEGINNING OF THE END (GAL 6:11)
   A. Paul ends his letter with a personal note to the Galatians

III. OPPONENTS’ MOTIVATIONS (GAL 6:12–13)
   A. The false teachers in Galatia are motivated by selfish ambition
   B. Motivated by an avoidance of persecution
   C. Motivated by an attaining a following

IV. PAUL’S MOTIVATIONS (GAL 6:14–15)
   A. Motivated by the cross
   B. Motivated by the new creation

V. CLOSING REMARKS (GAL 6:16–18)
   A. A call to follow Paul’s example
   B. A call to silence the trouble makers
   C. An extension of hope
1. Have you ever deciphered self-absorbed motivations within your own heart which pertain to your walk with Jesus or church involvement? What types of motivations have directed your faith in Christ or service in the church?

2. What types of persecution have you faced in your own life? How did you respond in those situations?

3. After hearing the sermon and reading this passage, how would you summarize boasting in the cross of Christ? In what ways can you personally grow in your willingness and tendency to boast in the cross?

4. In what ways can you show proper hope to the Christians you know who have begun to wonder away from the truth of the gospel?

**Galatians 6:12–16**

It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.