

Plenty of Pride – Part Two

Introduction: There is a glory boasting that is righteous and a quality of glory boasting that is unrighteous. The righteous glory boast is a laudatory testimonial to the sufficiency of the gracious triune God towards the Christian.

There is a difference between “glorying” (**kauca,omai**, a glory boasting, *i.e.* a laudatory testimony) and “glory” (**do,xa**, a honor resulting from a proper opinion). We will consider this morning glorying (glory boasting) that is proper and not an aspect of unrighteous pride.

1. **The Verbal Form of “Glorying” is the Activity of a Laudatory Testimony -
kauca,omai**

- A. It can be hypocritical, especially when performed by the unsaved, Rom. 2:17, 23.
- B. It can be based in a quality of truth, 2 Cor. 7:13, 14.
- C. It can testify concerning authority from the Lord, 2 Cor. 10:8, 13, 15.
- D. It is not to be based upon any quality of flesh, 1 Cor. 1:29; cp. 1 Cor. 3:21, 4:7, 2 Cor. 5:12, 11:12, 18; Eph. 2:9.
- E. It is upon a hope concerning the glory from the God, Rom. 5:2.
- F. It is performed in trials, Rom. 5:3.
- G. It is in the God to whom Christians are reconciled, Rom. 5:11.
- H. It is in the Lord, 1 Cor. 1:31.
- I. It is in weakness, 2 Cor. 12:9.
- J. It is in the cross of the Lord of us Jesus Christ (the Son of God), Gal. 6:14.
- K. It is in Christ Jesus by the Spirit from the God, Phil. 3:3.

1) ***Glance*** around for the ones boasting (glorying) in a quality of their flesh (sin nature) – v2

a. THE DOGS

- Viscous street dogs, similar to animals governed by the soul

- They *boast* in soulish things, cp. 1 Cor. 2:14
- b. THE EVIL WORKMEN
 - Lacking in New Covenant to the Church character workers
 - Their *product* is also lacking to the spiritual Christians works of grace – cp. Eph. 2:10
 - c. THE CONISION
 - The ones who cut up in mutilation the body in a supposed temple service to god (the god of this age)
 - Their behavior is destructive, and thereby diminishes by the sin nature, in contrast to elevation by the Spirit, cp. 2 Cor. 2:18
- 2) *Scope Out* spiritual Christians with a grace walk (lifestyle) – 3:17
- a. These Christians have a spiritual circumcision – 3:3a
 - b. Spiritual Christians emanate things from the Holy Spirit – 3:3b
 - c. These Christians emanate by the Spirit:
 - WORSHIP: a priestly service in a temple belonging to God
 - REJOICE: a proper glory testimonial boast
 - IN CHRIST: a priestly temple service and boast (G# rule) which have in common that they are both by the Spirit in Christ Jesus
- 3) *WIN CHRIST* without compromise comparisons – 3:7, 8
- a. The practiced knowledge concerning Christ Jesus
 - b. My Lord through whom one suffers the loss of worthless things
 - c. Lead before the mind that worthless things are dung (the smelly waste product of the flesh).

Conclusion: There is a righteous glorying that is based upon the gracious provisions from the triune God. There is an unrighteous glorying that is based upon the world, the flesh, or the Devil.