

Gal. 6:14: Double Dead

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Extraordinary times require extraordinary responses. We see this in times of war or disasters or family tragedies. Men either step up or step aside.

Heaven Is Counting On You

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Chorus:

Heaven is counting on you
Run with a heart that is true
Carry the cross
Reaching the lost
Heaven is counting on you
We are standing at the end of time
We are part of a grand design
We are grateful to a risen Lord
For the others who have gone before
I hear voices in the heavenlies
They are calling to you and me
Saying rise up
There's a world to win
I hear them saying again

Chorus

Many suffered, even gave their lives
For the message of the risen Christ
Now they're watching
Seated high above
Shouting to us as we run

Chorus

There is a race
There is a prize
There is a price to pay
And the saints beyond
Cheer us on today

Chorus

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What happened to the apostles?

- Peter was crucified upside down in Rome by Nero
- Paul was beheaded in Rome by Nero
- Andrew went to Russia ("the land of the man eaters"). Turkey and Greece where he was scourged and crucified tied up
- Thomas traveled to India where he was pierced through with spears by four soldiers

- Matthew traveled to Persia, then Ethiopia stabbed to death, speared and beheaded
- Philip worked in Carthage/North Africa and Asia Minor. Some say he was hung or crucified; others say he converted the wife of a Roman proconsul, and her husband sought revenge by cruelly putting him to death.
- Bartholomew/Nathaniel traveled to India, Armenia, Ethiopia, and Southern Arabia, and was “flayed with knives” (skinned).
- James was put to death by the sword (Acts 12)-perhaps beheaded
- Simon the Zealot-Some say killed in Persia after not sacrificing to the sun god or crucified in Africa
- Matthias either burned in Syria while with Andrew or stoned in Georgia (Near Russia) by cannibals
- James the brother of Jesus, thrown down from the pinnacle of the temple, survived the fall, and then beaten with clubs.
- John though exiled died of natural causes in Ephesus

Gal.6:14 (CJB) “But as for me, Heaven forbid that I should boast about anything except the execution-stake of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah! Through Him, as far as I am concerned, the world has been put to death on the stake; and through Him, as far as the world is concerned, I have been put to death on the stake.”

Gal.6:14 (NASB) “But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

Gal.6:14 (NIV) “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.”

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Forbid it Lord that I should boast

Save in the death of Christ my Lord

All the vain things that charm me most

I sacrifice them to His blood

- May it never be or heaven forbid
 - This is a horrible thought to consider
 - Research the “God forbid” statements in the Bible
 - Rom.6:1-2, “What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! (God forbid) We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”
- Boasting about anything!
 - Nothing is worth boasting about compared to our relationship with Jesus.

- Our speech betrays us. What do we men talk about? Boats, cars, jobs, sports teams, accomplishments, who we know, where we have been, where we hope to go, et.
- The only thing worth boasting about is the cross of Jesus
 - Paul sums it up in Phil.3:7-11, 7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, **becoming like him in his death**, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.
 - That moment when we realize that I am willing to die for Jesus!
- A Double Death
 - as far as I am concerned, **the world has been put to death on the stake**
 - What is the world? 1 John 2:15-17, 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 **For everything in the world**—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.
 - Rom.6:11, “In the same way count yourselves **dead to sin** but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”
 - through Him, as far as the world is concerned, **I have been put to death on the stake.”**
 - Rom.6:5-7, 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that **our old self was crucified** with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because **anyone who has died** has been set free from sin.
 - When I die a double death, the world has no more hold on me and I am free to become a complete man of God.

The Double Dead

- Pray
- Search the Scriptures
- Cultivate a deep relationship with the Father
- Lead authentic and growing lives
- Be Disciples who make disciples

If you are committed to being a Gal.6:14 man, then I invite you to come to the front as we sing, collect your gift, and allow me to say a prayer of dedication over you.