

Title: Adults Are Rubbish – Galatians 6 11-18

Read:

¹¹⁻¹³Now, in these last sentences, I want to emphasize in the bold scrawls of my personal handwriting the immense importance of what I have written to you. These people who are attempting to force the ways of circumcision on you have only one motive: They want an easy way to look good before others, lacking the courage to live by a faith that shares Christ's suffering and death. All their talk about the law is gas. They themselves don't keep the law! And they are highly selective in the laws they do observe. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast of their success in recruiting you to their side. That is contemptible! ¹⁴⁻¹⁶For my part, I am going to boast about nothing but the Cross of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that Cross, I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate. Can't you see the central issue in all this? It is not what you and I do—submit to circumcision, reject circumcision. It is what God is doing, and he is creating something totally new, a free life! All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God—his chosen people. Peace and mercy on them! ¹⁷Quite frankly, I don't want to be bothered anymore by these disputes. I have far more important things to do—the serious living of this faith. I bear in my body scars from my service to Jesus. ¹⁸May what our Master Jesus Christ gives freely be deeply and personally yours, my friends. Oh, yes!

Think:

Parents are rubbish, teachers are tosh, even youth leaders suck sometimes. They all miss the plot. They're busy running around worrying about this, panicking about that. They try and look important in front of others, forgetting that God wants to know what is going on in their heart. They focus on details, like what type of church people go to, rather than caring about whether they have asked Jesus to be their saviour. Get this, they even argue over whether children can eat the bread and wine when we remember Jesus on the cross through communion. OK, maybe not all adults are rubbish, but you get the picture that many of them forget what Jesus is all about. And to be fair, you and I have hardly got it all together. That is probably why Paul is reminding us here, that at the end of the day, there is only one thing that matters and that is Jesus. Yes, he has spent this entire book telling us to live our lives for Jesus. Many of us will probably disagree about the fine details of what God means when he speaks through Paul. But ultimately we can't disagree that Jesus died for us and he is the only thing we can boast about. Which means, that even when the adults we know have ups and downs, we can be sure Jesus is rock solid in the middle of it for us. He is always there.

Pray:

Father when all the adults around me seem to be losing the plot, please help me to focus on you and what you have done for me. Amen.

Action:

It could be that an adult in your life needs encouraging too. Think of an adult that needs to hear a kind word from you today. Send them a card, they love that stuff. Bye.