

## ***Message***

**Title:** Christ At The Centre

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*“When Christ is at the centre, the cross—not your achievements or failures—defines who you really are.”*

## ***Introduction***

Each day this week, reject one false label you’ve been living under and intentionally affirm who God says you are in Christ.

**Have you been letting your past, your performance, or other people tell you who you are instead of the cross of Christ?**

In “Christ At The Centre”, Pastor Alex Brompton walks through Galatians 6:14–16 to show that our deepest identity is not built on what we do, what we own, or what others say, but on what Jesus has done at the cross. Using simple images—from ID badges to a warped reflection in a spoon—he exposes how easily our sense of self can be distorted by success, failure, mood, or season of life.

This message invites us to lay down both pride and false humility, and to see ourselves through the clear lens of Scripture: loved, redeemed, adopted, and called. As we anchor our lives in Christ’s finished work rather than in shifting circumstances, we discover true freedom and become more fully human—more like Jesus—living out God’s purpose with confidence and peace.



## *Scripture*

Galatians 6:14–16 — 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. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

Romans 8:14–15 — For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’

Romans 15:7 — Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 12:2 — Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Ephesians 1:7 — In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace

Ephesians 2:8–9 — For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

John 3:16 — For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 Corinthians 12:13 — For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

John 10:10 — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 1:12 — Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

## *Don't Miss This*



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- Your Identity Isn't Your Role: Jobs, gifts, relationships and achievements matter, but they are not the core of who you are. They are what you do; your true identity is rooted in being a new creation in Christ.
- Boast Only in the Cross: Both pride in our success and shame over our failure miss the point. The only secure place to rest our confidence is in what Jesus has accomplished for us through his death and resurrection.
- See Yourself Through God's Lens: Like a warped reflection in a spoon, our moods, past and culture distort how we see ourselves. Scripture corrects the image: in Christ you are redeemed, adopted, accepted, and called to live life to the full.

## ***Let's Chat***

1. Where have you most often looked for your identity—career, family, success, failure, appearance, others' opinions—and how has that shaped the way you live?
2. Paul says, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." What would it practically look like for you to boast less in yourself and more in the cross this week?
3. Pastor Alex spoke about "spoon complex" and distorted self-image. In what ways do you feel your view of yourself is warped, and which Bible verses most help re-align that view?
4. How do you personally balance healthy encouragement (e.g. accepting a compliment) with avoiding pride or false humility in serving God and others?
5. Identity struggles can surface in different life stages (teenage years, empty nest, career change, retirement). Where are you in that journey, and what step can your group support you with as you grow in your identity in Christ?

