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Misunderstood Cross

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, 'You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, 'He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him' (**Matthew 27:39-42**).

[Jesus had said,] "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (**John 2:19**)

And John explained:

But He was speaking of the temple of His body (**John 2:21**).

To His dying day on the cross, Jews misunderstood, and misrepresented, His actual words. Since "as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death" (**Romans 6:3**), don't misunderstand this!

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No Baptism, No Cross

In Corinth, Paul "testified to the Jews *that Jesus is the Christ*" (**Acts 18:5**).

Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized (**Acts 18:8**).

Jesus had said to:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:15-16**).

Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name (**1 Corinthians 1:14-15**).

A sinner's baptism is "in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (**Acts 2:38**), not Paul's name. Paul made no change in the Gospel, "lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect" (**1 Corinthians 1:17**).

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10/6/2021 The Cross of Christ, Not Circumcision

As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ (**Galatians 6:12**).

There are people who preach religious practices from Moses just to avoid being persecuted for following Christ. God required fleshly circumcision from Abraham through Moses, but now has changed to a new covenant.

Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law (**Galatians 5:2-3**).

Keeping Moses Law, whether 10 Commandments or circumcision, makes Jews, not Christians!

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation (**Galatians 6:15**).

If righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain (**Galatians 2:2**).

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10/7/2021 Self Praise Is No Praise

Better is the one who is slighted but has a servant, Than he who honors himself but lacks bread (**Proverbs 12:9**).

A loyal "servant" knows his master, and serves, regardless of circumstance or outside opinion. Being "slighted" by others should not discourage a person from being honorable and respected at home. However, acting like things are better than they actually are is an exercise in hypocrisy and self-deceit! Putting up a front of self-honor when the facts are he "lacks bread" makes life look like a stage setting, all image and no substance. Self-praise is NO praise!

Proverbs 27:2: Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

We expect our parents and grandparents to “praise us,” so the emphasis here is “a stranger,” someone who is outside our family.

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10/8/2021 Anxiety and Depression

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad (**Proverbs 12:25**).

The preventative of “depression” is to not be anxious, and to listen to “a good word.” Jesus made this clear when He said, “do not worry” (be anxious) about life’s necessities (**Matthew 6:24-33**), or about the future (**Matthew 6:34**). Losing a job, a game, a loved one, failing a test, or any other tribulation that comes our way can make us react with “anxiety,” and is a challenge to our faith. The father of a demon-possessed boy heard Jesus say,

‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’ (**Mark 9:23-24**).

Faith overcomes anxiety.

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