

Which Cross Do We Carry?

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We must decide whether to take Christ as Lord now or face Him as Judge later, with the consequences of our choice being played out in eternity.

Scripture: Matthew 10:38, Luke 9:23, John 14:6, Romans 14:11, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 2:10

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the critical choice each individual faces regarding the cross they choose to carry, contrasting a 'crossless' Christianity with the true cross of Christ, which signifies death to self. He warns that many turn away from Jesus because they refuse to accept His conditions, and that compromising the truth undermines the security of the kingdom. Tozer asserts that Christ must be accepted as Lord in this life, or one will face Him as Judge in the next. He highlights the division between those who heed Christ's call and those who do not, stressing the importance of personal decision in the face of eternal consequences.

Transcript

One of the strange things under the sun is a "crossless" Christianity. The cross of Christendom is a "no-cross," an ecclesiastical symbol. The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is a place of death! Let each one be careful which cross he carries! Thousands turn away from Jesus Christ because they will not meet His conditions. He watches them as they go, for He loves them, but He will make no concessions. Admit one soul into the kingdom by compromise and that kingdom is no longer secure. Christ will be Lord, or He will be Judge.

Every man must decide whether he will take Him as Lord now, or face Him as Judge then! "If any man will . . . let him follow me." Some will rise and go after Him, but others give no heed to His voice.

So the gulf opens between man and man, between those who will and those who will not. The Man, the kindly Stranger who walked this earth, is His own proof. He will not put Himself again on trial; He will not argue. But the morning of the judgment will confirm what men in the twilight have decided!

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