



HISTORY OF THE CROSS NECKLACE

“History of the Cross Necklace”
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A person is walking across a suspension bridge that stretches into the distance. The bridge is made of metal grating and has chain-link fencing on both sides. The background is a misty, mountainous landscape with a bright light source in the distance, creating a hazy atmosphere.

THE WAY ^{OF} THE CROSS

MARK 8:31-38

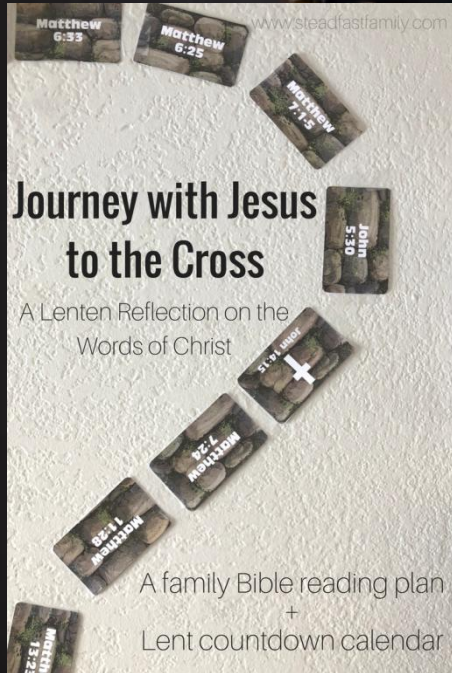
Then He called the Crowd to him along with his disciples and said:

*If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up **his cross** and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever will loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.*

Mark 8:34-35



***Lent is a journey that moves us
toward the cross!***



- 1. Begin a Sacred Journey of the Mortal*
- 2. The Power of God*
- 3. The Offense of the Cross*
- 4. Boast in the Cross*
- 5. The Cross that Reconciles*
- 6. Taking Up My Own Cross*
- 7. Nailing Him to the Cross*
- 8. Near the Cross*

Survey the Wondrous Cross

Galatians 6:11-18

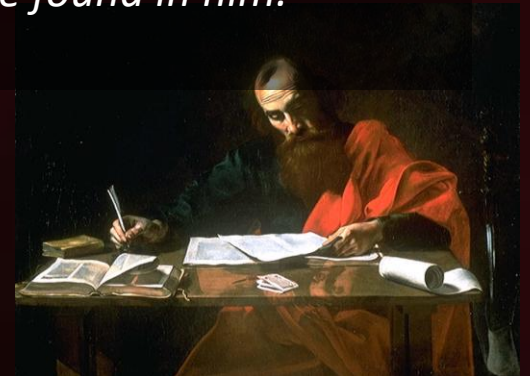
Want to Make a Good Impression?

Beware of

JUDAIZERS

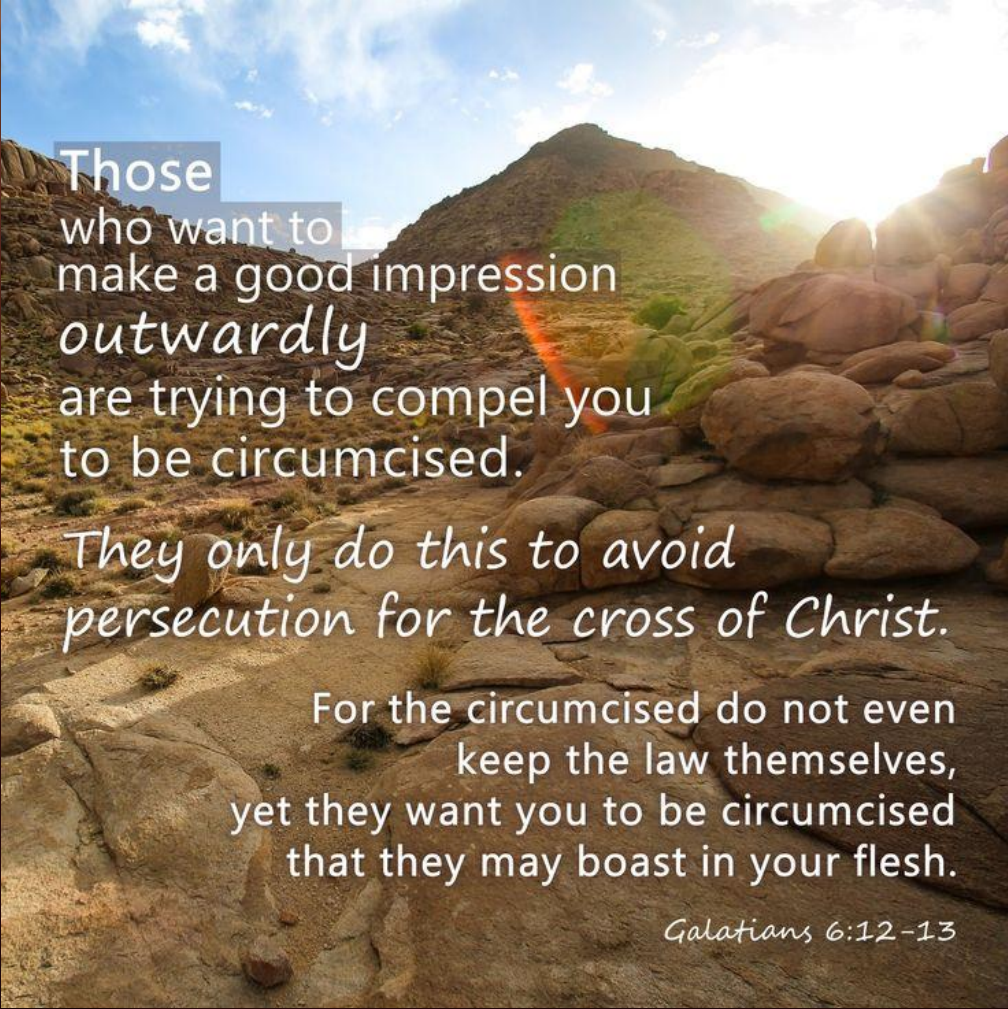
Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. ... Circumcised on the 8th day, or the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, **a Hebrew of Hebrews**; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, **faultless**:
But, whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ... I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him.

Philippians 3:2, 5-8



Galatians 6:11-18

Don't Make Efforts to Avoid Persecution.

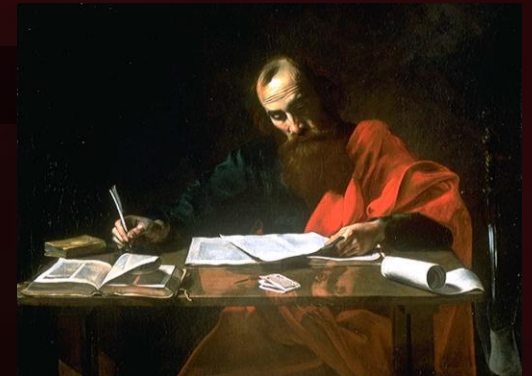


Those
who want to
make a good impression
outwardly
are trying to compel you
to be circumcised.

*They only do this to avoid
persecution for the cross of Christ.*

For the circumcised do not even
keep the law themselves,
yet they want you to be circumcised
that they may boast in your flesh.

Galatians 6:12-13



Galatians 6:11-18

The Cross that Brings New Creation

*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.*

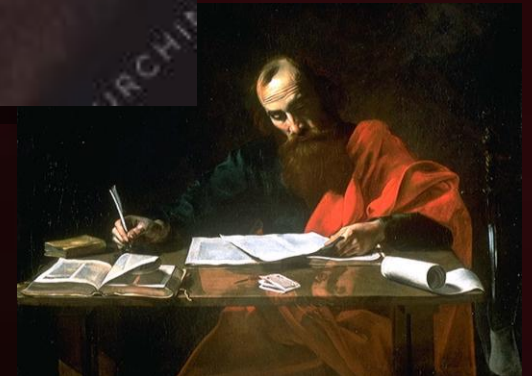
*Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision
means anything;
what counts is a new creation.*



Galatians 6:11-18

Bear the Marks of Christ

From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.



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Part 4. Boast the Cross

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The Judaizers To The Galatians

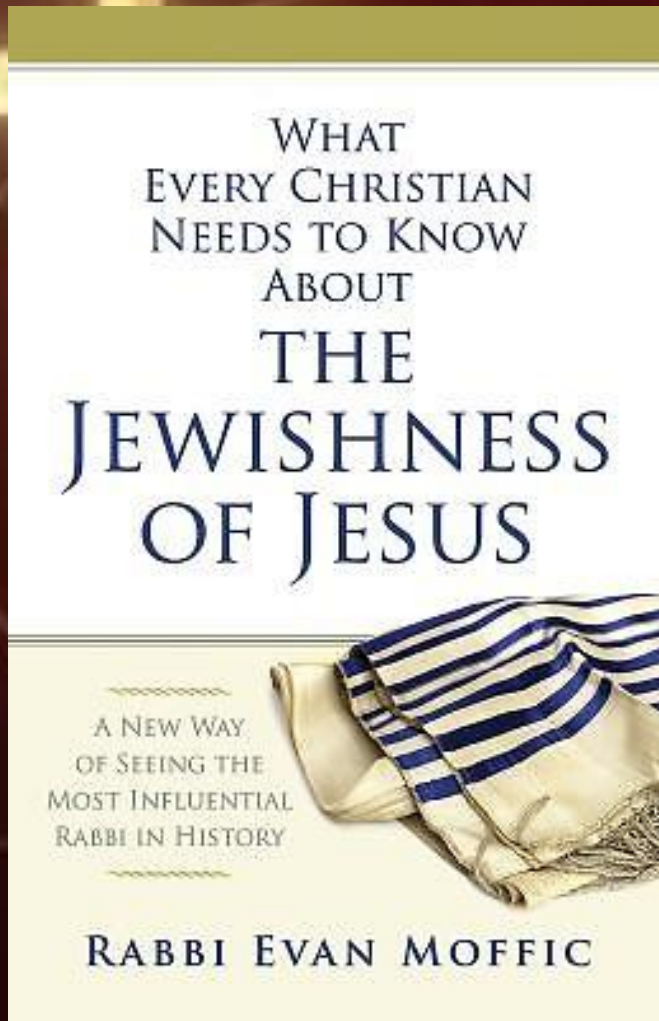
The Early Heretics

JUDAIZERS



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Judaizers:

***To be true a Christian,
you should be truly a Jewish.***

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Berith - Covenant



Abram brought all these to him, **cut them in two** and arranged the halves opposite each other...

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be **enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.** ...

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with **a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.** On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land ..."

Genesis 15:10-21



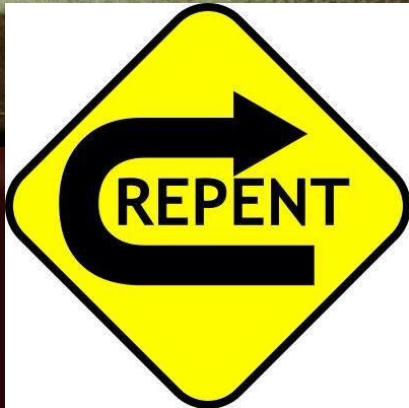
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IF THOU WILT RETURN,
O ISRAEL

saith the
Lord...

JEREMIAH 4:1



Circumcise
yourselves to the
LORD and remove
the foreskins of your
heart... Jeremiah 4:4

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Part 4. Boast the Cross

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2. Do not avoid the persecution for the cross of Christ.



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**Greater love
has no one
than this:
to lay down
one's life for
one's
friends.**

JOHN 15:13

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2. Do not avoid the persecution for the cross of Christ.

Great achievement is usually born of
great sacrifice, and is never the
result of selfishness.

— Napoleon Hill —

**THINK AND
GROW RICH**



NAPOLEON HILL



(1883-1970)

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“We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty...”

Ronald Reagan

40th President of the United States of America

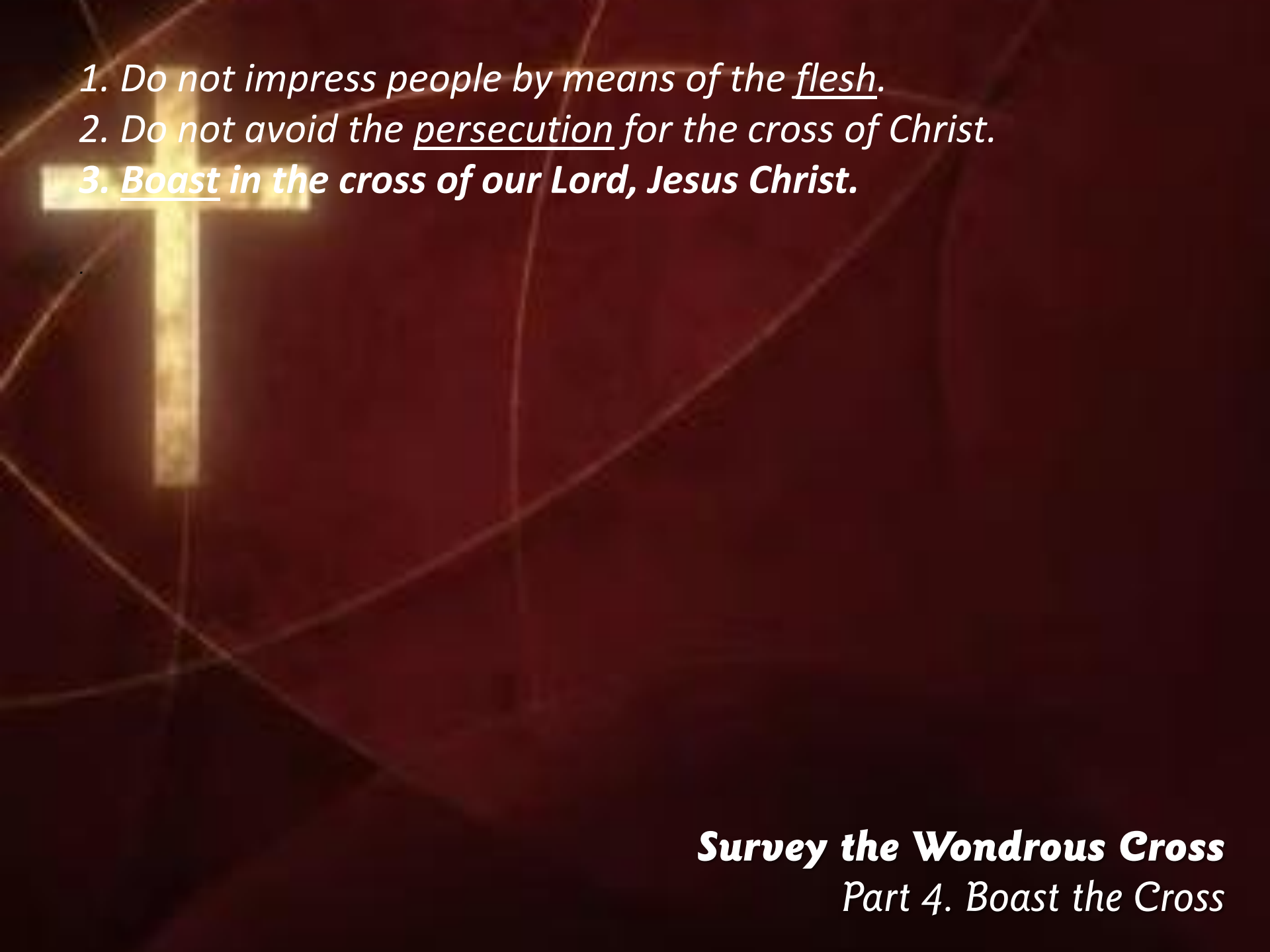
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God *blesses* us
to be a blessing
to others

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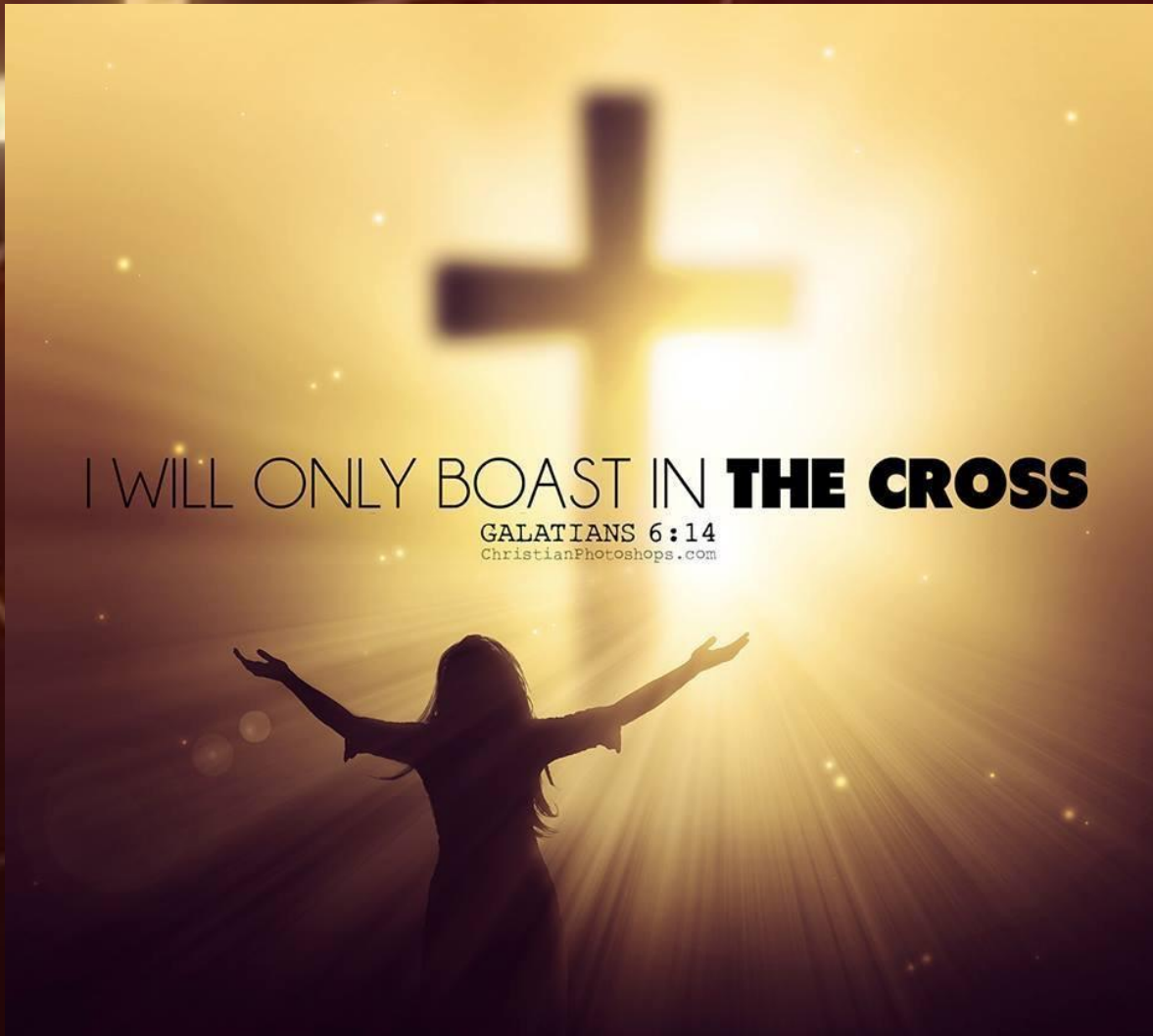
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*... what counts is
a new creation.
Peace and mercy to
all who follow
this rule, even to
the Israel of God.
- Galatians 6:16 -*

New Creation

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