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THE OLD CROSS AND THE NEW

“If I see aright, the cross of popular evangelicalism is not the cross of the New Testament. It is rather a new bright ornament of a self-assured and carnal Christianity. The old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemned; the new cross amuses. The old cross destroyed confidence in the flesh, the new cross encourages it. The flesh, smiling and confident, preaches and sings about the cross; before that cross it bows and toward that cross it points with carefully staged histrionics...but upon that cross it will not die, and the reproach of the cross it stubbornly refuses to bear.” -A. W. Tozer. The new cross “amuses” -- Muse means to think. In the Greek language, a word is turned into the negative by putting an “a” (alpha) in front of it. Amuse means “not to think.” Those who ply the new, flesh pleasing *gospel* are not thinking.

WHY GOD SAVED YOU

“God didn’t save you to make you happy. That’s a by-product. He died to make you holy. You were predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son.” - Vance Havner. **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.”** ~1 Peter 1:15.

VOICE FROM THE PAST

Written almost 60 years ago by A. W. Tozer: “This new evangelism employs the same language as the old, but its content is not the same and its emphasis not as before. The old cross would have no truck with the world. For Adam’s proud flesh, it meant the end of the journey. The new cross is not opposed to the human race: rather, it is a friendly pal and if understood aright, it is the source if oceans of good clean fun...It lets Adam live without interference.” Today, (New) Evangelicalism is not even a shadow of the truth!

DANIEL WEBSTER SAID

I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the will and word of God. I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. The miracles He wrought establish in my mind His personal authority and render it proper for me to believe whatever He asserts. I believe therefore, all of His declarations, as well as when He declares Himself the Son of God, as when He declares any other proposition. And I believe there is no other way of salvation than through the merits of His atonement.