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33 They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.”

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“Fasting in Judaism was a major rite of piety. Highly regarded as an act of worship, it took place at major events, like the Day of Atonement...The failure of Jesus’ disciples to fast could be read as reflecting a lack of respect for God, a severe absence of piety.”

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Leviticus 16:29-31

29 “This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves and not do any work — whether native-born or a alien living among you —

30 because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the LORD, you will be clean from all your sins. **31** It is a sabbath rest, and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance.

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Luke 5:34-35

34 Jesus answered, “Can you make the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? **35** But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.”

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“Jesus not only explains why He does not fast, He also explains the deep significance of the refusal. The picture He uses is a wedding - a symbol often used to describe God’s relationship to His people.

Since the groom is now present and the wedding is taking place, there is no need to mourn or seek deliverance. But in the future, the groom will be taken from them, then fasting will be appropriate.”

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Isaiah 54:5-6

5 For your Maker is your husband — the LORD Almighty is his name — the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

6 The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit — a wife who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God.

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Revelation 21:1-2

1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

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Luke 5:36

He told them this parable: “No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.”

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“Jesus knows that if one makes such a mismatch, the new cloth will shrink on washing while the old cloth will not, resulting in a tear, and rendering both fabrics useless. Jesus’ point is simple: One cannot mix what Jesus brings with the old ways without creating a destructive mix. His new way needs new ways of doing things.”

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Luke 5:37-38

37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. **38** No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.

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“The point again [about the new wineskins] is that the new era will bring new ways, which therefore must have new containers. Jesus is more than a reformer of Judaism, He has come to refashion it into something new.”

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“Like old wineskins, the Pharisees were too rigid to accept Jesus, who could not be contained in their traditions and rules. Christianity required new approaches, new traditions, new structures.”

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Luke 5:39

And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, ‘The old is better.’ ”

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“Jesus’ remark [in v.39] is both a description and a warning. John the Baptist came to tell the people that a new era of change was coming, but Jesus knows that some do not want to change.”

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Ephesians 4:18

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

Applications

- **We can't "put" the old us into the new us.**
- **Following Jesus is costly**
- **Not following Jesus is more costly**

Final Thoughts

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23** to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Final Thoughts

“We sometimes asses our spiritual life in terms of our feelings about God or the number of activities we are involved in completing, rather than in assessing the quality of our relationships with others or the quality of our private time with Him.”

Final Thoughts

Syncretism

“If Christianity cannot be mixed with Judaism, its closest cousin, then certainly it cannot be mixed with anything else available in the world’s cafeteria of religions. To do so will destroy both.”

Final Thoughts

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Final Thoughts

Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

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.