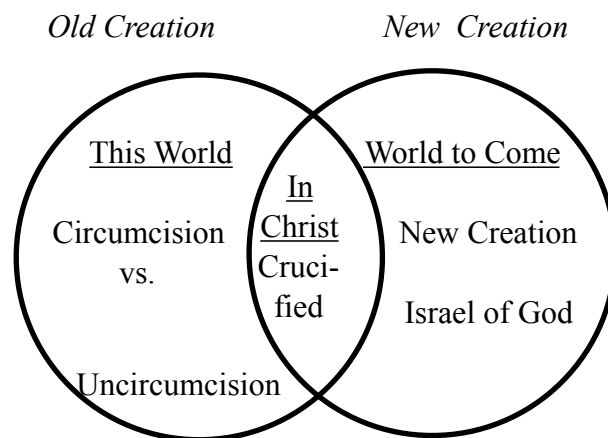


Crucified to the World (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)

Galatians 6:14-18—The Crucifixion and the New Creation

¹⁴ But far be it from me *to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*, by which *the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*. ¹⁵ *For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation*. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body *the marks of Jesus*. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. (Galatians 6:14-18)

1. Cross: glory only in “the cross” of Christ (6:14)
2. World: the “world” or “cosmos” (Greek *kosmos*) (6:14)
3. Circumcision: belongs to the old creation (6:15)
4. New Creation: “a new creation” (Greek *kainē ktisis*) (6:15)
5. Two Worlds: the concept of the “two worlds” sheds light on Paul’s logic:



6. New Israel: “*the new Israel... consists of Jewish and Gentile believers in Christ.*”¹
7. Stigmata: the “marks (Greek *stigmata*) of Jesus” (cf. 2 Cor 6:4-6; 11:23-27).

The Living Tradition

Catechism: *The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes.* (CCC 2015)

¹ Levine and Brettler, *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, 387 (emphasis added).