



Genuine or fake?



You are now shown two groups of people who call themselves Christians. The first group (vv18-19) consists of those who are Christians by name, but in their hearts they are far away from the cross of Christ. The end of such is destruction.

Verses 20-21 then describe true Christians, who are on their way to heaven and who will there receive a body which is like that of the Lord Jesus.



- 16. From what does the cross of Christ separate the believer? Read Galatians 6:14!
- 17. How can the Lord Jesus give us an immortal and indestructible body (v21)?



The belly is in the Bible often an illustration of the baser desires and fleshly lusts (see Romans 16:18). It is connected to the serpent who was condemned by God to crawl on its belly (Genesis 3:14). It was therefore forbidden to the Israelites to eat animals that crawl on their bellies. (Leviticus 11:42).



Which group do you belong to? Are you one who only goes along with everyone else or do you follow Jesus because of your own conviction?



16. From the world.
17. By the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. I.e. because He has the power over everything.