



“The Prize”

Philippians 3:10-16

Part 4 in the message series: “Run for Your Life”

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Seven teachings to help assess our Christian maturity.

Christian maturity is found in the person:

1. Who recognizes **perversions** of the **Gospel**. (v.2)
2. Who refuses to **trust** in **self** for salvation. (vv.4-6)
3. Who has an ever **growing** passion to **know** Christ. (v.8)
4. Who understands true **maturity** is recognizing they are not yet **mature**. (v.12)
5. Who **releases** their **past** into the hands of God. (v.13)
6. Who recognizes that only God can **change** the way people **think**. (v.15)
7. Who doesn't **shrink** back. (v.16)

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How do other religions view Jesus Christ?



Judaism*

Jesus was an unorthodox Jewish rabbi who was wrongly deified by the church.



Hinduism

Jesus was one of many spiritual teachers. Neither atoned for sin nor rose from the dead.



Buddhism**

Will accept Jesus as a gifted spiritual teacher, but not divine.



Islam

Jesus was born of a virgin, sinless. Neither God nor God's Son, but a great prophet.



Animism***

No reference to or role for Jesus Christ.

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* Orthodox, or traditional, Judaism. A great range of beliefs and practices is found in other movements within contemporary Judaism.

** The depiction is of the ancient Buddhist traditions taught by Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha. Other streams within Buddhism possess their own authorities, acknowledge deities, and espouse a variety of teachings.

*** Animism can more rightly be described as a worldview than an historical, well-structured religion.

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