

Faith on the Field: How Jesus Took Over the College Football Championship

Newly inaugurated Vice President J.D. Vance had plenty to cheer about on Monday.

To say nothing of his political aspirations being realized, Vance—an Ohio native—saw his beloved Ohio State Buckeyes win its first national championship in a decade on Monday night.

(The Buckeyes soundly beat the Notre Dame Fighting Irish 34-23 in the College Football Playoff national title game.)

And yet, that's still not why Vance should be ecstatic about Monday.

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No, despite his political ascendancy and victorious Buckeyes, Vance, a proud Christian, also got to enjoy watching Jesus Christ take center stage during the CFP finals.

And that's something every Christian fan should've thoroughly enjoyed—even the heartbroken Notre Dame fans.

To be clear, this wasn't just a moment or excellent post-game interview quote. No, these two teams have thoroughly excelled at glorifying Jesus all year-long, and that continued into and throughout the championship game.

In fact, Jesus was honored after the very first score of the game.

Notre Dame quarterback Riley Leonard scored a rushing touchdown on the team's first drive of the game and

immediately pointed to his armband, which had Matthew 23:12 written on it.

That poignant verse states: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

It's a powerful quote from a team leader, but it didn't end there. Even with the agony of defeat Leonard continued to praise a triune God and the role He played in both national title-contending teams.

"Us and Ohio State were the two teams who praised Jesus Christ the most and I think we strengthened each other in our faith."@NDFootball QB Riley Leonard talks about his faith after the game ↓

– FOX College Football (@CFBONFOX) January 21, 2025

As for the Buckeyes, the football team has been unabashed in its faith the whole year. The team even helped organize events that helped lead people to Christ (including baptisms), and that was when it wasn't even clear that Ohio State would make the playoffs.

And Ohio State quarterback Will Howard *immediately* offering effusive praise after the biggest win of his career so far.

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Now, some may say that college football and faith have long been intertwined, and thus may not be moved much by the aforementioned demonstrations of faith.

Well ye of little faith, how do you explain notoriously leftist ESPN being forced to acknowledge how much of a role

Christian faith played in this CFP championship game?

Here's ESPN's Rece Davis bringing up faith with Ohio State standout linebacker Cody Simon—something you almost never see on ESPN.

I DID NOT expect ESPN's Rece Davis to ask a question like this in the postgame ceremony, but I'm glad he did.

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And here's Davis, again, mentioning how big of a role faith played in the Buckeyes' success this year, including those aforementioned baptisms.

"[Faith] made guys selfless," Davis explained. "I think that's the power in it."

Indeed, there's plenty of power in it.

Just ask Ohio State and Notre Dame.

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