

adorns herself with her jewels" (Isaiah 61:10). Believing sinners are treated by a righteous God as righteous through their union with Christ. They are justified and saved. God sees us "In Christ." "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1). God is the Author and Giver of this Righteousness. God is the Author of our Salvation.

"Because It Is The Work Of God, He Gets All The Glory!"

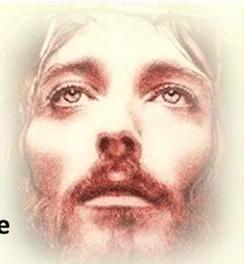


There is no place for self-righteousness at the foot of the Cross. There are no self-made Christians. All true Christians are Christ-made. We are made "The righteousness of God in Him."

Sinners must glory in Christ alone because our trespasses were reckoned to Christ and the absolute spotless perfect righteousness of Christ is reckoned to us. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).

"What God Exchanged For Us By The Sacrifice Of His Son Jesus"

1. **Jesus Was Punished...** That We Might Be Forgiven
2. **Jesus Was Wounded...** That We Might Be Healed
3. **Jesus Was Made Sin With Our Sinfulness...**
That We Might Be Made With His Righteousness
4. **Jesus Tasted Death For Us...** That We Might Share His Life
5. **Jesus Was Made A Curse...** That We Might Receive The Blessing
6. **Jesus Endured Our Poverty...** That We Might Share His Abundance
7. **Jesus Bore Our Shame...** That We Might Share His Glory
8. **Jesus Endured My Rejection...** That I Might Have His Acceptance
With The Father
9. **He Was Cut Off...** That We Might Be Joined To The Lord
10. **Our Old Man Was Put To Death In Him...** That The New Man
Might Come To Life In Us



2 Corinthians 5:21- "For Our Sake He Made Him To Be Sin Who Knew No Sin, So That In Him We Might Become The Righteousness Of God." If we can grasp this scripture, we will discover that everything we need is contained in this revelation...Let me say it this way: What happened on the Cross was a Divinely Ordained exchange. Think of that key word 'Exchange.'

All the evil due to our rebellion met together upon Jesus. That's the left hand. The right hand is the opposite. That all the good due to the sinless obedience of Jesus might be made available to us. It's contrary to our natural thinking, we wouldn't reason it out that way. All the evil due to our rebellion came upon Jesus on the cross that all the good due to His sinless obedience might be made available to us. Or, to say it very shortly, the evil came upon Jesus that the good might be made available to us.

"The Great Exchange Is The Greatest Gift Of Grace"

The 'Great Exchange', as I call it, is without a doubt the greatest Gift Of Grace that could possibly be given by God. We have seen that Jesus was our "Representative" as well as our "Substitute" in the making of the New Covenant, but that is only the prelude to the most amazing miracle every performed on the earth on behalf of mankind. It is the greatest example of the love of our Heavenly Father and His unconditional Love and Grace. In the Old Testament when making a covenant between two parties there was always an exchange of various things that took place such as the belts, weapons, coats, names, etc. Well, in the making of the New Covenant there was also exchanges made between the parties. Let's begin to examine what took place because it was literally the Great Exchange Of Life. Remember when Jesus said in John 10:14 -- "...I came that they might have LIFE, and might have it abundantly." The reason it would be "Abundant Life" is because It Would Be His Life He Was Giving Us And In Exchange He Was Taking Our "Death" On The Cross. Isaiah 53:5 gives us a preview of one of the great exchanges, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." Notice He got the wounds for our transgressions and the bruises for our iniquities -- we didn't. Notice that we got peace -- He got chastisement. Jesus got stripes -- we received healing.

"Jesus Takes On Our Sin Nature --- We Receive His Divine Nature"



(Galatians 2:20) -- "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."
 (2 Peter 1:4) -- "For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become

partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust." Our "Old Man" was placed upon Jesus at the crucifixion and we became "New Creations In Christ" because we received His Divine Nature. We become like Jesus: fully human, but also with a Divine Nature. We become "One" with Him in the eyes of God the Father. We are in union with Him through covenant.

"Jesus Took On The Curse Of The Law -- We Receive The Blessings Of Abraham"



(Galatians 3:14-15) -- "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of law, having become a curse for us -- for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree...' in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might

come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." If you read Deuteronomy 28 you will find the blessings and the curses. The first half of the chapter is the blessing which we receive. Under the Law if I obey the commandments I will live under God's blessing, but if I fail and break a commandment then I get the curse of the Law. The blessings of God under the Law of the Old Covenant are totally dependent upon "My Performance". In the Church today it is amazing and sad how many are still living under the requirements of the Law with a "Performance Based Christianity". Trying to earn God's favor and blessing by what we do. It is a futile way to live the Christian life. Performance based Christianity is a counterfeit Christianity based upon the requirements of the Old Covenant Jewish Law. True New Testament Christianity is based upon resting in the finished work of Jesus as being "In Him" and receiving the blessings of that "Finished Work" by Faith.

"He Will Embrace You Through The Finished Work Of Jesus"



"Christ died for our sins," according to Scripture. Jesus lived the life We could never live. Jesus died the death. We should have died. And Jesus went to the cross for us, for our sins. That's why it's Good News. He did that for me. He did that for you. He did that for us. God loves you not because of what you do but because of what Jesus was done for you. Jesus takes away sin. That Jesus makes all things new. Jesus is the hero

of the story. Jesus is the Savior of the soul. Jesus is the redeemer of the wicked. You don't need to do anything so that God will love you. He has already loved you through Jesus. You don't need to do anything for God to embrace you. He will embrace you through the finished work of Jesus. When Jesus said it is finished. What he meant was there is nothing left for us to do to be saved. Just trust in Him. That's why religion and morality are the enemies of the cross. Trying to be a good person to pay God back, Jesus took care of everything. We don't need to pay off a debt that needs to be paid. Trying to be a good person so God will love us when Jesus has already loved us and the love of God has been poured out through His work on the cross.

"His Righteousness Was Exchanged For Our Sin"



He charged Christ with our sins. Peter declared "This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death." (Acts 2:23). Jesus Christ paid the death penalty for the sinner so that God could set the sinner free and

declare him righteous in His Holy presence. Moreover, He did more than just forgive us our sins; He imputed the perfect righteousness of His Son to us. A "Great Exchange" took place. God caused a double transfer to be made. Our sins were imputed to Christ, and His perfect righteousness is imputed to us. Christ got all our sin and guilt; we got His perfect righteousness standing before God. His righteousness was exchanged for our sin. "God made Him [Jesus Christ] Who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). God acquits the guilty sinner who believes in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ for his sins. The Hebrew prophet Isaiah wrote: "I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation. He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride