

The Divine Exchange (Part -1) The Cross of Jesus Christ Sunday March 19, 2023

The Bible tells the story of our wandering away from God in sin and rebellion, and God in His immense love coming to rescue us back to Himself. To bring us back to Himself, He became as one of us. He stepped into our world.

He did this for our sakes. He did this just because of you and me.

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

You and I, we were in a bad place. Our sin and rebellion had brought us there.

We were the ones who had sinned and were in rebellion against God.

We were the one who deserved the punishment, and the terrible consequences of wrongdoing.

Yet, just because of His immense grace toward you and me, just because of us, He chose to step into our place.

He became what we were, so we could have what He had!

In this divine exchange, planned and orchestrated by God Himself, the Lord Jesus became a Man took our place, so we could be positioned and put in His place before the Father. He chose to swap places with us.

The divine exchange took place on the Cross.

The Cross was one moment in time, when God swapped places with man, and took everything we deserved, so that we could receive everything we do not deserve.

He was obedient. We were disobedient.

He was sinless. We were sinful.

He was faithful. We were unfaithful.

He was the Beloved. We were the condemned.

He swapped places with us. He took our place.

He stepped into where we were, so that we could take His place.

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He became as one who was disobedient, sinful, unfaithful, and condemned and endured what we should have received.

He put us in His place, where we receive the blessings of the obedient, sinless, faithful, Beloved One.

For our eternal death, He gave us eternal life.

For our guilt, He gave us forgiveness.

For our sin, He gave us righteousness.

For our cursing, He gave us blessing.

For our judgment, He gave us favor.

For our rejection, He gave us adoption.

For our sickness, He gave us healing.

For our brokenness, He gave us wholeness.

For our shame, He gave us glory.

For our oppression, He gave us dominion.

For our slavery, He gave us kingship.

For our hell, He gave us heaven.

For our poverty, He gave us rich provision.

This is the great exchange orchestrated by God.

This is the divine exchange.

Through this divine exchange, our sin and all its evil consequences were dealt with.

The Fall and all its consequences were reversed.

Everything Adam put us under, Jesus set us over.

Everything Adam lost, Jesus regained and restored to us, and much more.

We did nothing to earn this. We did nothing to deserve this.

This is all grace. This is all mercy.

All we can do is receive freely by grace, through faith.

#1, ETERNAL LIFE, THROUGH HIS DEATH

All of us have sinned. We have turned away from God and have gone our own ways. Sin produces death. Our rebellion has only led us further away from God, and into eternal damnation.

We are all sinners, rebellious, guilty, and deserving of death.

Death is separation from the life of God. It is the absence of 'zoe', the God-kind of life (Ephesians 4:18). Death additionally is physical death and eternal death, a separation from God, in hell.

Yet on the Cross, the place of divine exchange, the Lord Jesus Christ tasted death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

The death that sin inflicted on each one of us, was now inflicted on the one who had never sinned. He did not deserve this. He willingly took this on Himself, for our sakes, on our behalf, out of His overflowing love and grace. On the Cross, the place of divine exchange, He died our death. His physical body died a mortal death and ceased to being alive. He descended, as every mortal being, to hell (Acts 2:27). The Sinless One tasted death for everyone. And on the third day, He arose triumphant over hell and the grave. Hell could not keep Him. The grave could not hold him. He arose with a glorified body and lives forevermore.

He died our death, so that we could receive eternal life, the God-kind of life, as a free gift.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This eternal life, the 'zoe' life of God is given to us here and now. He who has the Son has life (1 John 5:12). We who believe in Jesus, we have eternal life (1 John 5:13).

The life of God in us fills us with light (John 1:4) and dispels darkness out of our lives (John 1:5). Darkness represents the world system of evil and rebellion all around us. Darkness represents satan and his demonic forces and their works. All darkness is driven out because of the presence of the zoe life, the eternal life of God in us.

The life of God reverses everything the enemy does to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus gives us His life, in abundance, in overflowing measure (John 10:10).

#2, FORGIVEN, THROUGH HIM BEING MADE GUILTY

Sin is a violation of God's law, and it brings its punishment. Even if we keep the whole law but sin in one point, we are guilty as the person who has broken all points of the law.



Sin is both the wrong we have done, and the failure to do the good we know we should do.

God is a holy and just God and His justice demands that sin be judged and punished. So we are under the sentencing or judgment of God for our sins.

All of us stand guilty (under God's sentencing) before God for our sins.

Sin left us guilty before God with a penalty that had to be paid.

While sin has its eternal consequences, including eternal separation from God in hell, sin also has its immediate consequences.

Sin enslaves us. We get caught in the cords of our own sins (Proverbs 5:22). Sins blocks the provision and blessings of God (Jeremiah 5:25).

We reap of what we sow. When we sow to the flesh we reap of the flesh corruption (Galatians 6:8). Corruption is anything that degrades the good God designed for us.

Sin opens the door to the devil and his evil working in our lives (James 3:16).

On the Cross, the place of divine exchange, the Lord Jesus took the place of sinners. He became the 'guilty' one. All our sins were put on Him. And then the punishment for our sins were poured on Him.

The prophet Isaiah foretelling what would take place on the Cross, declared:

Isaiah 53:5-6

5 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.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Lord Jesus was "numbered with the transgressors". He was counted as one of us. What happened to Him on the Cross was "for our transgressions", "for our iniquities". Our sins were laid on Him and He bore the sin of many, carrying away our sins, removing them from us, so that they would never be remembered or held against us.

The just and sinless one, suffered for the unjust, the sinful.

He suffered for our sins so that we could be brought to God and stand forgiven before God.

Through the divine exchange on the Cross we receive the forgiveness of our sins because of His bountiful grace.

The divine exchange on the Cross settled forever the payment of all our sins, past, present and future. This was one sacrifice for sins, made once and for all, forever.

All who believe in Him receive forgiveness for their sins (Acts 10:43).

1 John 2:2,12

2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

Though our sins were red like scarlet, He has made us white as snow (Isaiah 1:18).

Forgiveness includes a cleansing away of sins so that there is no more remembrance of them. God does not remember our sins anymore (Hebrews 8:12; Jeremiah 31:34).

He buries our sins in the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19).

He has removed our sins, taken them away, as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12).

Now we should not remember our sins. We let His Word wash our minds, our memories, so that there is complete sense of release from the sins of the past. Any time, there is a recall of the sins of the past, we must remember, we have been forgiven.!

Where there is forgiveness, there is mercy.

Mercy withholds the judgment we deserve. "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities" (Psalm 103:10). It is because of the Lord's mercies that we have not been consumed (Lamentations 3:22).

Grace gives us the blessings what we do not deserve.

#3, RIGHTEOUS, THROUGH HIM BEING MADE SIN



We were born in sin and by nature were sinful. Our sins gave us no access to God and no standing before God. Like Adam and Eve, we were driven out of God's presence and had no place in the presence of a holy, just, and righteous God.

Our sins became a great barrier between us and God. God's face was hidden from us by the insurmountable barrier of our own sin and unrighteousness.

Our best actions were like filthy rags before God.

There was no way we could earn a right standing with God.

On the Cross, the place of divine exchange, the incomprehensible took place. Jesus who knew no sin, became sin for us. God placed on Jesus our sin and unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

This is almost something we cannot even speak about. A perfectly holy and righteous One, becoming as an unrighteous sinful person, with the sins of the whole world. And yet, because of His grace and for our sakes, Jesus did this. He willingly took on our unrighteousness, becoming despicable, vile, unacceptable, unwelcomed before His Father, so that we could be given His righteousness.

In exchange, God took Christ's own righteousness, His absolute sinless perfection that had never ever sinned, and placed His righteousness on us.

What a thought! What a blessed reality! We have been made the righteousness of God. Christ Himself has become our righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30). Our standing before the Father is the same as His. We are righteous, made just as if I never sinned.

His righteousness has been given to us freely by His grace, because of the divine exchange that took place on the Cross. We have received it through simple faith in Him.

The righteousness of God is to all, upon all and in all who believe.

His righteousness given to us transforms how we see ourselves as we approach God. We come boldly, with confidence, without any sense of guilt, shame, and condemnation in His presence. We come before Him, just as if we never sinned. Our righteousness is not



that of a dirty garment that has been washed. Our righteousness is that of a garment that has never ever been made dirty. It is the righteousness of God given to us!

His righteousness given to us transforms how we deal with shame, guilt, and condemnation. Our conscience has been cleansed and we are free.

His righteousness given to us transforms how we stand up against the accusations and attacks of the enemy (satan). Satan may do his work of accusing us. However, we overcome his insidious attacks as we declare boldly the righteousness that is ours because of the blood of Jesus.

His righteousness given to us transforms how we face life's challenges. We know that God is always on our side, and always causing us to triumph. We are overcomers and more than conquerors in all situations.

#4, BLESSED, THROUGH HIM BEING CURSED

The Law was given through Moses. The Law exposed our sin, the control sin had over our lives, and the death that sin worked in us (Romans 7:7,10-11). Any violation of the Law brought curses for disobedience. Anyone who broke even one part of the Law was cursed (Deuteronomy 27:26; Galatians 3:10).

Deuteronomy 28:15-68 lists all the curses that would come upon those who broke the Law. These curses covered every aspect of human life: spiritual, physical health, emotional, family, children, work, financial, social life, safety, etc. Destruction and devastation were pronounced upon every area of life.

Sin and disobedience bring upon us curses that cause destruction and devastation.

On the Cross, the place of divine exchange, a powerful event took place. Christ became a curse for us. He became as a lawbreaker. He became as someone who broke every law of God. All the curses every pronounced or conceived were then placed on Him.

Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

He hung on the Cross as someone accursed of God.



The apostle Paul then states emphatically that Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law – the law itself and all the curses that came upon those who broke it, so that "the blessing of Abraham" can come upon us, gentiles!

Every curse has already been borne. Every curse has been removed from off our lives.

We need not fear any curse, from any source, for any disobedience. All of it was taken care of on the Cross.

The Blessings of God have been released on our lives.

We can declare all the blessings of God listed in Deuteronomy 28:1-14 and much more, over our lives.

When God has blessed, no man, no devil can curse. God sees us as blessed people. God has pronounced us as blessed people. No sorcery or witchcraft or Blackmagic can prevail against you as one who has been blessed by God.

We are blessed! Declare your life blessed by God. Declare your life free from every curse.

Expect the blessings of God to overtake you in every area of your life.

The enemy may attempt to steal the blessings of God, because he comes to steal, kill and destroy. Stand vigilant. Stay submitted to God and resist the devil. The blessings of God are given to you to walk in.

#5, FAVORED, THROUGH HIM BEING CONDEMNED

Being sinful in nature, and disobedient in our ways, put us in the wrong side of things. We were enemies of God.

We were so controlled by the flesh, we were powerless. Sin dominated our flesh and controlled us. Even when we intended to do good, the power of sin controlling our flesh, prevented us from doing the good we wished to do.

We were displeasing and abhorrent to God (Proverbs 6:16-19). We deserved to suffer God's anger, and were accumulating a huge pileup of the righteous judgment of God.

It was on the Cross, the place of divine exchange, God poured out His judgment against sin. The Lord Jesus was sinless. Not one sin had ever been committed in His human



body. But His body became the body on which all of God's judgment, the wrath of God against all wickedness of man, was poured out. The sin that made us enemies with God was condemned, judged and sentenced in the physical body of Jesus Christ.

God did something amazing at this moment of divine exchange. In condemning sin in the body of the crucified Christ, God destroyed the power of the old sinful nature, that gave us the propensity to sin and drove us to do things that incurred the displeasure of God. Sin and its power over us was broken!

Oh! the power of the divine exchange carefully planned and executed by God! We who were enemies with God, were reconciled to God. We were made friends with God. We were brought into peace with God and into a place of grace and divine favor with God.

Romans 5:10-11

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

When we see ourselves now, we need to see ourselves as friends with God. Members of His household. People who are highly favored by God. Through faith in Jesus, we have been justified and put in this place of grace before God. A place of divine favor, in which we stand.

And we have been given the power to overcome the flesh. The Spirit of life, the mighty Holy Spirit is in us, in Christ Jesus. He makes us free from the power of sin and death.

We no longer living according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. We now live pleasing to God.

#6, ADOPTED, THROUGH HIM BEING REJECTED

God originally created Adam as his own son (Luke 3:38). We were designed by God to be part of His family, as sons and daughters. Sin broke this relationship and left us orphans. We allowed a counterfeit father, the devil, to adopt us. He compelled us to do his desires – lie, murder, steal, kill, destroy, and all other forms of evil.



The spirit of evil, the prince of the power of the air, the spirit of disobedience was at work in us. This was not a spirit of sonship, but a spirit of slavery. Satan thrives by making people his slaves.

We were not just orphans. We had become slaves with the devil as our slave master. We were not designed to be slaves. We were designed by God to be sons and daughters. Living as slaves to the devil only formed is us deep rejection, abandonment, feeling forsaken, and orphaned forever.

On the Cross, the place of divine exchange, the Lord Jesus was rejected by men, and even forsaken by the Father!

How could God the Father forsake His the only begotten of the Father? And why would He do such a thing? Why would Jesus step into such a place where He, who was one with the Father and the Spirit for all eternity, experience this agonizing separation? Abandoned! Forsaken! He did this for our sakes, the ones who had forfeited sonship and wandered away from our heavenly Father. He did this, so that we could now be adopted into God's own family.

We have been adopted and accepted in Jesus Christ. His rejection resulted in our acceptance and being adopted into God's own family.

Ephesians 1:4-6

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

As believers in Jesus, we are no longer orphans! We are sons and daughters of God. We have been delivered from the power of satan and brought into God's own beloved family. We have been given the precious Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Sonship, the Spirit of adoption. He makes us sons and daughters of God. He enables us to call God our Father. He now leads and guides us in the Father's own ways. We are no longer driven by the prince of the power of the air or the spirit of disobedience. We are led by the precious Holy Spirit. As sons and daughters we reflect our Father's ways, we speak our Father's words and do our Father's works! We are His family!



SUMMARY

We have covered 6 divine exchanges that God orchestrated on the Cross:

ETERNAL LIFE, THROUGH HIS DEATH
FORGIVEN, THROUGH HIM BEING MADE GUILTY
RIGHTEOUS, THROUGH HIM BEING MADE SIN
BLESSED, THROUGH HIM BEING CURSED
FAVORED, THROUGH HIM BEING CONDEMNED
ADOPTED, THROUGH HIM BEING REJECTED

These have been done. Let us believe and received what God has done for us. Let us walk in them.

SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads





The Divine Exchange (Part -1)
Sunday March 19, 2023

The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: 2 Corinthians 8:9

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

- 1, Discuss the spiritual truth of divine exchange. What does this mean?
- 2, Proceed to discuss each of these 6 "exchanges" that took place on the Cross, which were mentioned in the sermon. What is the practical application of each of these in our daily lives as believers in Jesus Christ.

Eternal Life, Through His Death



Forgiven, Through Him Being Made Guilty Righteous, Through Him Being Made Sin Blessed, Through Him Being Cursed Favored, Through Him Being Condemned Adopted, Through Him Being Rejected

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.





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SERMON OUTLINE

The Bible tells the story of our wandering away from God in sin and rebellion, and God in His immense love coming to rescue us back to Himself. To bring us back to Himself, He became as one of us. He stepped into our world. He did this for our sakes. He did this just because of you and me. He became what we were, so we could have what He had! In this divine exchange, planned and orchestrated by God Himself, the Lord Jesus became a Man took our place, so we could be positioned and put in His place before the Father. He chose to swap places with us. The divine exchange took place on the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Cross was one moment in time, when God swapped places with man, and took everything we deserved, so that we could receive everything we do not deserve. In this two-part sermon series, we explore twelve divine exchanges that took place on the Cross. We examine how each divine exchange transforms our daily lives. This is a powerful series you will not want to miss!

KEYWORDS

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