

C. We are to urge everyone to follow Christ for salvation.

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

II Corinthians 5:20

IV. RECEIVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF CHRIST

In the great exchange our sin is credited to Christ, and Christ’s righteousness is credited to us.

A. Christ knew no sin in His divine and human nature, and died as a substitute for our sin.

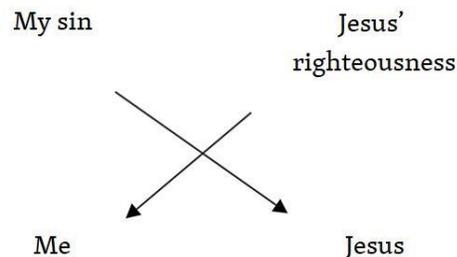
“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, ...”
II Corinthians 5:21a

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

I Peter 3:18

B. God credits Christ’s righteousness to the believing sinner.

“...that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
II Corinthians 5:21b



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THE GREAT EXCHANGE

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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you ready for a change? The cross of Jesus Christ was the place where the great exchange took place. His all for our nothing. His righteousness for our sin. His death for our life.

And it did not end there. Through the power of the gospel many more exchanges take place today for those “in Christ”.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
II Corinthians 5:17

B. The Bible book of II Corinthians reveals seven beautiful ways Jesus can change your life. Attend The Great Exchange teaching series and discover how to trade your pain for Jesus’ new life. The messages include:

TODAY	Trade In Your Sin For Jesus’ Righteousness
Apr 24	Trade In Your Depression For Jesus’ Encouragement
May 1	Trade In Your Grudges For Jesus’ Forgiveness
May 8	Trade In Your Discouragement For Jesus’ Motivation
May 15	Trade In Your Suffering For Jesus’ Perfection
May 22	Trade In Your Greed For Jesus’ Generosity
May 29	Trade In Your Weakness For Jesus’ Strength

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C. **TEXT:** II Corinthians 5:14-21

HOW TO TRADE IN YOUR SIN FOR JESUS' RIGHTEOUSNESS

I. SEE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

A. See how Christ died for us.

"14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all," II Corinthians 5:14-15a

"6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:6-8

B. See how Jesus rose again.

"...that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer."

II Corinthians 5:15b-16

"3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures," I Corinthians 15:3-4

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

I John 4:9

II. EXPERIENCE THE TRANSFORMATION OF CHRIST

A. Christ offers a new and better way to live.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;..." II Corinthians 5:17a

"3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

II Peter 1:3-4

B. Develop a growing relationship with Jesus.

"...old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17b

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

II Peter 3:18

III. FULFILL THE COMMISSION OF CHRIST

A. All praise belongs to God who brought us to Him.

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ,..." II Corinthians 5:18a

B. God uses us to bring others to Him.

"...and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

II Corinthians 5:18-19