

The Exchange work of the Cross

It is very important for us as Christians to understand the exchange that took place on the cross, when our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, nearly 2000 years ago.

Most Christians think and believe that Jesus' death on the cross was just a work of redemption, or justification here we can put so many big words that would mean almost nothing to the Christian who has no theological background or understanding of such terms. Just like a theological student after graduation who can produce a beautiful sermon with no understanding or help to the Christian life.

At the communion table, what do we celebrate? do we celebrate the death and the resurrection of our Lord, or is there some else.

The way we look at the cross is potential to our lives, such understanding would effect our relationship with God and the body of Christ.

Such understanding would bring action into our lives, your life will be changed for the better. The word of God will become very clear to you, you will start to understand who you are? And, what are you privileges in Christ Jesus.

At the cross of Jesus an exchange took place, something happened to Jesus that we need to look at very carefully, with the understanding that it might even shake us, and bring us to our knees and then you will need to sit down and *think* and pray seriously about your beliefs.

Jesus was punished that we might have peace

ISA 53:5

".....the punishment that brought us peace was upon him."

The chastisement of our peace was upon him. He by submitting to the price, that mankind can not have peace with God because man is sinful and God is a Holy God and sin must be punished.

That was the devil's plan, to take us away from God. But God loved us because we are his image and He breathed the breath of life into us, different than the angels.

COL 1:20

"And through him to reconcile to himself all things, on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross".

By sin we have become odious (arousing hate) to God's holiness and obnoxious to his justice. Through the death of Jesus, God is reconciled to us. On the cross Jesus accepted to take our place of punishment that we might take his place of peace with God.

Jesus gave satisfaction to the justice of God that we might have satisfaction in our own minds. Jesus on the cross took our place of punishment and we took his place of peace with the Father.

EPH 2:14

"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one, and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility".

What do we Mean by Peace

- ⌘ Peace means the defeat of evil.
- ⌘ Peace means breaking down the barrier between God and man.
- ⌘ Peace means the presence of God's rich and abundant blessing.
- ⌘ Peace means positiveness; it is not the absence of anything (the barrier that separates us from God). Peace is the presence of God.
- ⌘ Sin is not only a crime, for which we were condemned to die and which Christ purchased for us the pardon of, but it is a disease.

He was physically wounded so we can have our physical healing

ISA 53:5

"But he was pierced for our transgressions and was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought Peace was upon him, and by his wounds we were healed"

Peter is our witness to this great fact that bodily healing is in our atonement.

1 Peter 2:24

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness, by his wounds you have been healed"

Peter says by "whose strips ye were healed", Peter here states:

1. Christ bore sins on the tree
2. By his stripes (literally bruise) we were healed.

This agrees exactly with ISA 53:5, which reads in the Septuagint (The Greek version of the Old Testament), *"But he was wounded on account of our sins, and was bruised because of our iniquity; the chastisement of our peace was upon him and by his bruise (to molopi, by the bruise of him) we were healed !"*

Here we notice two things: That the word for healed, both in the Septuagint and the Greek New Testament is (iaomai) a verb that always speaks of physical healing in the New Testament.

The Greek word for "physician" is iators, a noun derived from this same verb "iaomai".

Peter and Isaiah were referring to our bodily healing and not spiritual healing.

What a revelation would it be for us, when we understand the word of God concerning healing, Isaiah and Peter speaks very clearly, it is written "By his wounds we are healed".

If we look the last word it says, are healed, it is a past tense, such healing has taken place 2000 years ago. What we need to do is accept, confess, and act on that fact.

Jesus was made sin, that we might receive his righteousness

2 Cor 5:21

"God made him who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God".

We need to look at h s verse very carefully and make sure we understand it well.

A) The purity of the mediator, He knew no sin.

B) The sacrifice he offered, (was made sin), not a sinner but sin.

C) The end of all this: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Let us notice these facts: As Christ who knew no sin of his own, was made sin for us, so we who have no righteousness of our own, are made the righteousness of God in him.

On the cross of Golgotha, God the Father left his own son Jesus, it was a horrific experience for Jesus, who is righteous and holy to become the opposite of who he is.

It was not that Jesus carried our sins on the cross, NO, the bible says that "HE BECAME SIN" and destroyed it once and for all. In the same way, we who knew no righteousness of our own, have not receive his righteousness, but has become the righteousness of God.

As Jesus became our sins we became the righteousness of God, so we are not only forgiven sinners, we are the righteousness of God himself.

In the sight of God the Father we are not just righteous but the righteousness of his son Jesus, what a glorious revelation this is.

Christians look at the devil in the eyes and tell him, "I am the righteousness of God", as you can not come near God do not come near me for God and I are ONE.

We should always remember that Jesus had to enter the strong hold of the devil, to be able to break his power. When Jesus went down to Hades, and took the keys of death from him.

In Rom 6:23 the bible says *"The wages of sin is death "*.

Jesus on the cross did not become a sinner but sin it self, the moment Jesus died the original sin was taken from the human race and thrown into the devils household to where it came from, and at the same time he set the prisoner free
Heb 2: 14-15.

In Eph 1:20

"Which he exerted in Christ, when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in heavenly realm"

God the father raised Jesus from the dead victoriously over death, and seated him on his right hand, then in

Eph 2:6

"And raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus".

God the Father raised us up with Christ, we are not dead any more, we should act and live as those who are alive in Christ.

Eph 4:24

"And to put on the new life, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness1'.

We are born again that means: New creation as Paul puts it, created to be like **God**, we are new creation in righteousness and holiness.

Our new creation is our repossession of what Adam and Eve had lost, in reality everything you find in the righteousness of God you should find it in any Christian, you might say it is impossible, well is it, who do you believe, the Bible or human logic.

Jesus Tasted our death that we might share his eternal life

Heb 2:9 " But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone".

Jesus Christ tasted our death, he took our place in the same time we share his eternal life. What is eternal life? it is life eternal, that is the life of God, eternal life is not life as we know it, it is a life no one can destroy.

In Revelation 2: 7

"He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches. To him who overcomes I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God"

As we have accepted Christ Jesus, we shall eat from the tree of life in the life to come. In Revelation 22:14 talks about those who wash their robes, that they might have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gate into the city of God Jerusalem our Mother as the Bible calls her.

Jesus took our poverty that we might share in his abundance

2 Cor 8:9

'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich'

Poverty is a curse in Deuteronomy 28:16-18, 38-40, God said that poverty is a curse, which is to come to the people of God, because they failed to keep his commandments,

Deuteronomy 28:15.

Jesus took our curse upon himself on the cross. So we are free from the curse of the law that includes the curse of poverty.

Jesus tasted poverty, he was poor, even did not have his own home. he was homeless.

Matthew 8:20

"The foxes has holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the son of man hath not where to lay his head".

Jesus was not spiritually poor, but physically, he came from a poor family who lived in a poor village in Galilee, he was the oldest son, so does not Inherit the family house, it goes to the youngest son in the family. Phil 2:6-8 tells us that Jesus made himself nothing.

3 John 2

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"

Phil 4:19

"But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"

The phrase all your needs would include financial needs, in fact Paul is talking about financial needs and material needs.

God will bless the work of our hands. and we shall prosper, that does not mean sit at home and do nothing, No he will bless the work of your hands, Deut 28:12.