

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

2 Corinthians 5:21

Lesson #13

Great Exchange

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Between
the Great Commandment

The great exchange

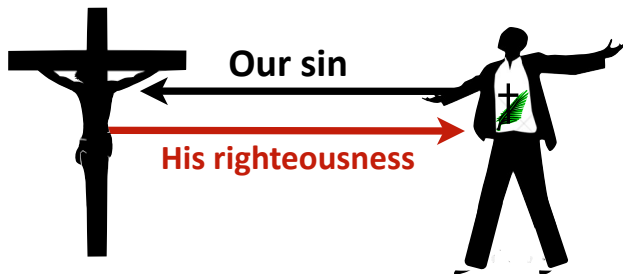
and Great Commission

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The great exchange

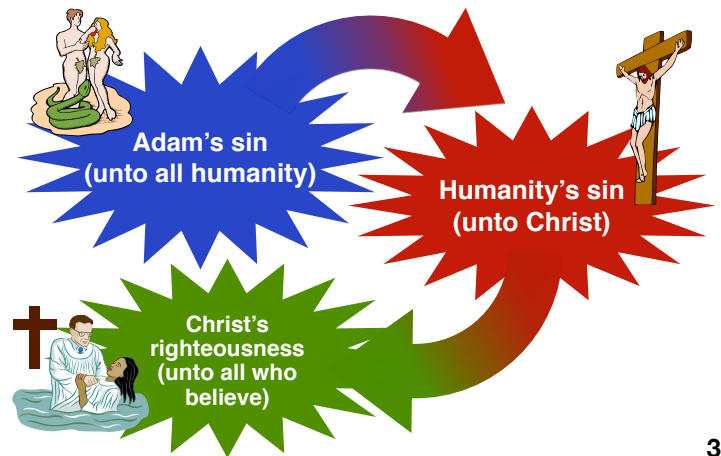
2 Corinthians 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin on our behalf**, so that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**”



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Three great imputations



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The Great Exchange Implications

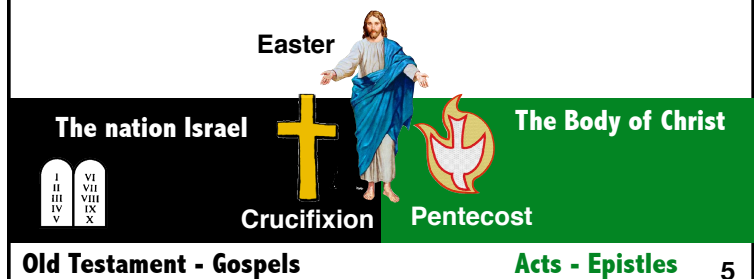
- ✓ Two distinct **COVENANTS**
- ✓ Two aspects of **HOLINESS**
- ✓ Two kinds of **REPENTANCE**
- ✓ Two types of **JUDGMENT**

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✓ Two distinct **COVENANTS**

John 1:17

“For the **Law** was given through **Moses**; **grace** and truth were realized through **Jesus Christ.**”

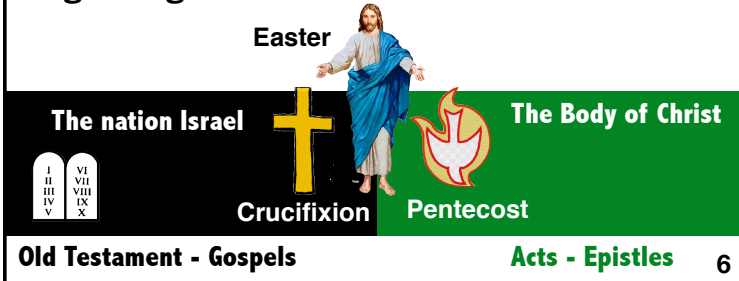


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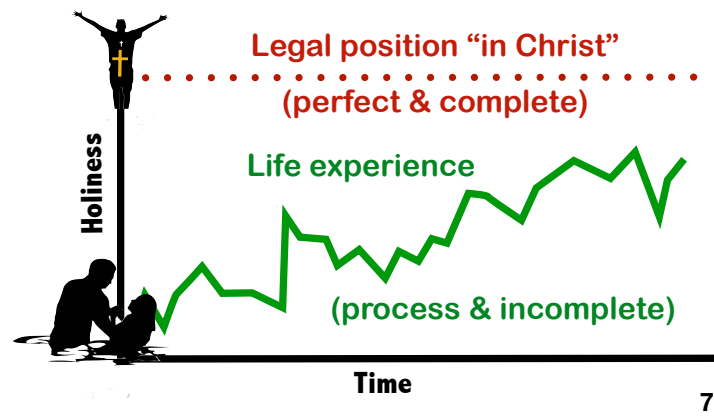
This was understood to be a new beginning.

Acts 11:15

“And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us **at the beginning.**”



✓ Two aspects of **HOLINESS**



Two aspects of holiness



- ✓ a **child** of God ✓ a **disciple** of Christ
- ✓ **fixed** position ✓ **dynamic** posture
- ✓ based on **faith** ✓ based on **behavior**
- ✓ my **identity** ✓ my **calling**

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The temple priest was ceremonially sanctified with water before he performed his sacred duties.

This had to do with his official position not his personal character.

Water baptism is our “positional” washing as believer priests.

This has to do with our union with Christ not our meritorious good works.



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Romans 4

“⁴ Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who **justifies the ungodly**, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,”

1. The **ungodly** are **justified** by faith without and before producing any good works.
2. Godly works should be the **fruit** of “faith righteousness” not the **essence** of it.

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Positional righteousness

- ✓ It is a declaration & non-experiential.
- ✓ It is not progressive.
- ✓ It is not related to human merit.
- ✓ It is not related to moral reform.
- ✓ It fully satisfies the demands of a perfectly holy God.
- ✓ **It must be learned through teaching & applied by faith.**

Christ's work FOR us

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✓ Two kinds of **REPENTANCE**

Luke 14

²⁶ If anyone **comes to Me**, . . .
he must deny himself

²⁷ Whoever does not
carry his own cross
and **come after**
Me cannot be
My disciple.”



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1. Strategic **REPENTANCE**



from
self



to
Christ

Turning from worldly hopes
to faith in Christ

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Acts 26:18

“to open their eyes so that they
may **turn from darkness to light**
and from the dominion of Satan
to God, in order that they may
receive forgiveness of sins and an
inheritance among those who have
been sanctified by faith in Me”

Conversion to Christ through
faith gives us our position in Christ.

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2. Tactical repentance



from
sins



to Godly
living

Turning from specific sins so as
to live in harmony with God and
others in this life.

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2 Corinthians 12:21

“I am afraid that when I come again my God may
humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over
many of those who have sinned
in the past and not **repented**
of the impurity, immorality
and sensuality which
they have practiced.”

Strategic
REPENTANCE
is not without need
for repeated
TACTICAL
repentance.



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1 Corinthians 1:2

“To the church of God which is at Corinth, to
those who have been **sanctified** in Christ
Jesus, saints by calling,”

The Corinthians had REPENTED
(strategically)

1 Corinthians 3:3

“For since there is jealousy and strife among
you, are you not **fleshly**, and are you not
walking like mere men?”

but were in need of continual
repentance (tactically)

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✓ Two types of JUDGMENT

2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that each one may be **recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done**, whether good or bad.”

1. All believers will **face judgment**.
2. The issue will be on how we have built on a foundation **that is firmly fixed beneath us through our faith in Christ.**

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✓ Two types of JUDGMENT

1 Corinthians 3

“¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man **builds upon the foundation** with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he shall **suffer loss**; but **he himself shall be saved**, yet so as through fire.”

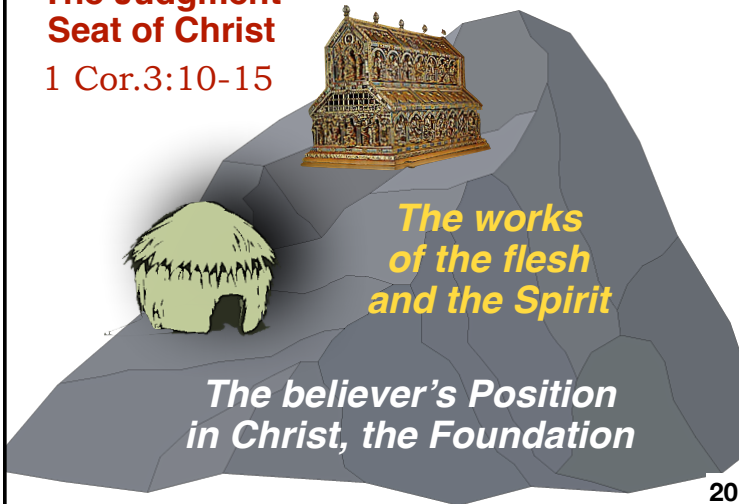
Not for eternal life
(as we are credited with Christ's holiness.)

but for gain / loss
(based on our contribution to the kingdom of God.)

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The Judgment Seat of Christ

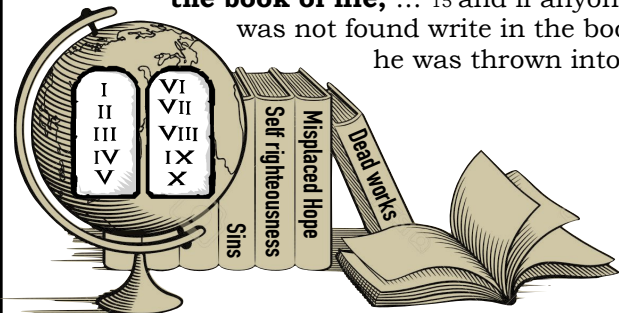
1 Cor.3:10-15



Revelation 20

“¹¹ And I saw a **great white throne**,...¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **the books were**

opened: and **another book was opened, which is the the book of life**; ... ¹⁵ and if anyone's name was not found write in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”



*The good news of the Gospel is that we are justified by the work of Christ **FOR us, not through, in, or by us.***

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The Point

*Divide the Scripture wisely so we can **rest in the Word and walk in the Way of the Cross.***

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Paul

**Positional holiness
makes us fit for heaven.**



James

**Practiced holiness
makes us fit for earth.**

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Lessons for us

- **Find peace** - Security rests with faith in the work that Christ has finished **FOR** us, not in circumstances or moral virtue.
- **Take responsibility** - Nurture both faith in the finished work of Christ for us as well as his Spirit's work in and through us.
- **Divide the Scripture wisely** - Be a Berean who is wise in discerning the Scripture.
- **Daily discipline** - "LET" - Learn, Edify, Thank.

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