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## THE GREAT EXCHANGE

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## THREE TRUTHS ABOUT THE GREAT EXCHANGE

1. The exchange was divinely initiated.
"For He made Him who knew no sin..."

Ephesians 1:4-5 "For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love, He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will."

God initiated this process out of His great love for humanity.
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

1 John 4:9-10 "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love:
not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

## 2. The exchange made Him a sin offering for us. <br> "...to be $\sin$ for us."

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The offering was accepted because God gave His best to pay for our sins.
Isaiah 53:10-11 "Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand."

Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him."

## God decided to offer a one-off offering for sin to end the blame game.

1 Peter 2:24 "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds, you have been healed."

## 3. The exchange was to make us righteous.

"...that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Romans 5:19 "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous."

Philippians 3:9 "And be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith."

## The exchange is complete because of the evidence of the cross.

Galatians 3:13-14"But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon Himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing He promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith."

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Romans 3:22 "This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,"

## This righteousness is given to everyone who believes.

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