

God's Great Exchange

"We Have a Problem"

What do you think of when you hear "We have a problem?"

At what times would these words be spoken?

What dramatic times in your life have these words been uttered or heard by you?

Scripture tells us we all have a problem. What is that problem? Let's see what Scripture says.

Problem #1: What God expects of us

Leviticus 19:2—

Luke 10:28—

God expects nothing but _____ from me and he expects me to be _____.

Problem #2: Who and what we really are in God's eyes

Romans 3:23—

Isaiah 59:2—

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Romans 6:23—

I see, through the Scriptures that God has made, that I am not _____, but am in fact _____. All I deserve is _____.

For thought

How does the Bible (and God) see me?

How does the Bible (and God) see everyone around me?

Does the Bible (and God) see everyone the same or at different levels? Explain?

God's Great Exchange "We Try to Solve the Problem"

When you have a problem, what do you do? Ignore it? Solve it? Let someone else handle it?
Debate what happens when you:

1. Ignore a problem:
2. Try to solve a problem yourself?
3. Let someone else handle the problem?

In the last lesson, we looked at a problem we all have. That problem is?

In what ways do we try to solve this problem?

1. "I'll try_____."
2. "I'll do more _____ deeds than _____deeds."
3. "I'm _____ than <fill in the blank>."

In what ways do we ignore the problem?

In what ways do we push the problem off on someone else?

Let's look at why these remedies don't work:

Proverbs 16:25—

James 2:10—

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Romans 3:23—

How do the above passages tell us that our remedies don't work?

By nature, why do our efforts fail?

Romans 3:9-20—

Isaiah 28:10, 13—

Ephesians 2:1—

Thought questions:

1. Why can I not, by my own reason or strength, resolve my own problem of sin?
2. Paul uses the term "dead in trespasses." What picture is Paul painting for us about our natural condition?
3. If I ignore this problem, will it go away?
4. Can I pawn this problem off on anyone?

God's Great Exchange “God Has a Solution for the Problem”

Mankind by nature thinks it needs to find a solution to the problem we all have. But what does God say? Let's go back to the beginning, when Adam and Eve first sinned. What was God's solution to the problem?

Read Genesis 3:15.

Who is carrying out the action in this verse?

What are Adam and Eve asked to do?

In many places our natural condition and status is equated to imprisonment; we are prisoners of the forces of evil. Often, such as Prisoners of War, an exchange is made. Thus God makes an exchange to “buy us back.” Let us look at how God carried out that exchange.

First, a look at what God provided for our ransom

1 Peter 1:19—

1 John 5:20—

Jeremiah 23:6—

How did God employ this for our ransom?

John 1:29—

Isaiah 53:6—

2 Corinthians 5:21—

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Yet, we have the Law. Of what benefit is the Law? Let's ask Paul. He will answer us by forwarding the letter to the Galatians, chapters 3 and 4:

Food For Thought

1. Some Christians believe that Jesus only died for original sin, not for our individual sins. Discuss based upon Isaiah 53:6.
2. True or False: The Law no longer has a place in our lives today.
3. True or False: I can rightfully call myself a saint today, right now.

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"The Gifts We Already Have From God—Which You May or May not Know You Had!"

Gifts Received by grace alone...

Titus 3:5—

Romans 6:23—

Ephesians 1:7—

Gifts Received through faith alone...

John 3:36—

Ephesians 2:8—

Gifts Received through His word alone...

Romans 10:17—

Romans 1:16—

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What is grace?

What is Faith?

What is God's Word?

Food for Thought:

True or False: The Bible contains God's Word.

True or False: I must have tangible evidence that God exists.

True or False: God gives me free salvation, but I must still live a godly life.

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"The Blessings We Have From God"

We receive blessings from God, both here on earth and eternally:

Earthly blessings:

John 10:10—

Psalm 50:15—

Ephesians 2:19—

Matthew 11:28—

Galatians 5:22—

Ephesians 2:10—

1 Corinthians 1:7—

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Eternal Blessings:

Ephesians 1:7—

1 Corinthians 15—

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—

Romans 8:18—