

# The Great Exchange

## *Living in the Light of the Ultimate Sacrifice*

### 1. The Motivation: Love, Not Obligation

- *"For Christ's love compels us..."* (2 Corinthians 5:14)
- **The Core Idea:** Jesus didn't die to make us feel guilty; He died to make us free. Our response to Him shouldn't be "I have to," but "I want to" because of the debt He paid.
- **Reflection:** Where am I still trying to "earn" God's love instead of resting in His finished work?

### 2. The Response: Becoming a "Living Sacrifice"

- *"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..."* (Romans 12:1)
- **The Idea:** Under the old way, sacrifices died. Under the new way, we live for Him. This means surrendering our daily choices, careers, and relationships to His lead.
- **Action Step:** Identify one specific habit or "something" you are holding onto. Lay it on the altar today.

### 3. The Mission: Ambassadors of Reconciliation

- *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..."* (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- **The Core Idea:** Because Jesus bridged the gap for us, we are now the "bridge builders." We represent His kingdom in a broken world.
- **Reflection:** Who in my life needs to see the "bridge" of God's mercy this week?

### 4. The Ultimate Goal: Restoration

- *"To be conformed to the image of his Son..."* (Romans 8:29)
- **The Core Idea:** The goal isn't just "getting to heaven." It is transformation. God is working to restore His character in you so that you look more like Jesus every day. God loves us so much that he did not care about all the pain, the shame, all the abuse. They gave him when he went to the cross. His mind was at you and me.

## III. The Ultimate Goal: Restoration & The Kingdom

- **Romans 8:29:** *"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."* (The goal of Personal Transformation)
- **2 Corinthians 3:18:** *"And we all... are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."*
- **Revelation 21:3-4:** *"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them... He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain..."* (The Final Goal of all things)

## IV. The "Mission" Goal

- **Matthew 28:19-20:** *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*
- **2 Corinthians 5:20:** *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."*