

The Great Exchange



The great offer:

The offer to be Christ's disciple is the greatest offer known to man throughout all dispensations. This offer might be different than the popular teaching about discipleship, this offer is a hope that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ in order to serve Him in the kingdom to come.

“Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

2 Corinthians 5:9-11, 16-21 NASB1995

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Strong's Greek: 2644. καταλλάσσω (katallássō) -- to reconcile

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2644. katallássō

Strong's Concordance

katallássō: to reconcile
Original Word: καταλλάσσω
Part of Speech: Verb
Transliteration: katallássō
Phonetic Spelling: (kat-al-las'-so)
Definition: to reconcile
Usage: I change, exchange, reconcile.

HELPS Word-studies

2644 katallássō (from **2596 /katá,** "down to an exact point," intensifying **236 /allássō,** "to change") – properly, *decisively* change, as when two parties *reconcile* when coming ("changing") to the *same* position.

2644 /katallássō ("decisively changed, reconciled") is applied to marriage partners (1 Cor 7:11), but usually in the redemptive sense of a sinner reconciling to the Lord.

[**2644 (katallássō)** was originally used for the exchange of coins; "properly, to change, exchange (especially of money); hence, of persons, to change from enmity to friendship, to reconcile" (A-S).]

Englishman's Concordance

Romans 5:10 V-AIP-1P
GRK: ἐχθροὶ ὄντες **κατηλλάγημεν** τῷ θεῷ
NAS: while we were enemies *we were reconciled* to God
KJV: enemies, *we were reconciled* to God
INT: enemies being *we were reconciled* to God

Romans 5:10 V-APP-NMP
GRK: πολλῶ μάλλον **καταλλαγέντες** σωθησόμεθα ἐν
NAS: more, *having been reconciled*, we shall be saved
KJV: more, *being reconciled*, we shall be saved
INT: much more *having been reconciled* we will be saved by

1 Corinthians 7:11 V-AMP-3S
GRK: τῷ ἀνδρὶ **καταλαγήτω** καὶ ἄνδρα
NAS: or else *be reconciled* to her husband),
KJV: or *be reconciled* to [her] husband:
INT: to the husband *be reconciled* and husband

*This offer is “to become” the righteousness of God, in fact Paul is “begging” us to do this. The only way we can be reconciled to God as His church is to remain “in” Christ and finish the race to the kingdom. To be reconciled to God means to be given the kingdom, its lands, privileges and positions when Christ returns.

How do we do this? We have to make “The Great Exchange:”

Paul has a ministry to the church that not many people recognize. The reason Paul went out into the world of gentiles was to offer the same privileges to them that God made with Israel. He proclaimed the gospel of grace for the race to the kingdom. The “great exchange” was to become a disciple of Jesus and use the gift of grace which is the Spirit of God to be reconciled to God in Christ. The offer of discipleship was always to make the “great exchange in order in receive the promised inheritance.

“testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about

proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

Acts 20:21, 24-25, 32 ESV

The great exchange had a great cost:

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?”

Luke 14:27-28 NASB1995

“He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

John 21:17 NASB1995

*The “great exchange” was a choice Peter had to make. It was a choice to love Jesus more than going back to fishing for a living, it was to remember his calling as a disciple.

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?”

Luke 9:23-25 NASB1995

*The great exchange was also a choice that Jesus had to make. He gave up His life to receive a kingdom. The smaller story is what Satan is offering which is the kingdom of this world. The larger story is what God is offering which is the kingdom to come. Jesus had to resist the offer of this smaller kingdom story and live a life of sacrifice in order to receive the offer of God and the eternal kingdom. Jesus made “the great exchange” and counted “the cost.”

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’ ””

Matthew 4:1, 8-10 NASB1995

This “great exchange” is the race to the kingdom of God instead of the kingdoms of this world:

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the

race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB1995

*The crazy thing is, the same offer given to Jesus by His Father, is the offer He is making with us!

“The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

Revelation 3:21 ESV

The Great Exchange grants to us Gods great grace which is the power of God to run a faithful race and escape His wrath: notice the reason for the “much more” quoted by Paul in Romans 5:

“Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.”

Romans 5:9 ESV

*The church I believe is confused by the wrath of God and its purpose.

“But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.”

Romans 5:15 ESV

*The grace of God included the free gift of the Holy Spirit who’s sole purpose is to “sanctify” or “set apart” a people for God!

“For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:17 ESV

*Those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of the Holy Spirit can “reign” in life!

“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 5:20-21 ESV

*As we have noted earlier this “eternal life” is the victory we have in Christ over the “fleshly life”. The ability to live righteously and please God gives us the assurance of receiving the “prize” of the upward call, the “imperishable crown” for winning the race, the “commonwealth” of Israel, for obtaining the “inheritance” of God! This is exactly why Paul doesn’t understand the thinking of the church that grace is permission to sin:

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”

Romans 6:1-2 ESV

The Great Reward:



“Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:11-16, 22 NASB1995

*The commonwealth of Israel is what the entire ballgame is about. Think about all the promises to Israel given by God. Ever since we were kicked out of the Garden of Eden, the promise to restore what we lost has been on the table. We all have been waiting for the final redeemer to recover it. The actual race of faith in Christ whether you were looking forewards to the cross and empty tomb or backwards at the cross and empty tomb has been playing out for six thousand years.

“But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for if

God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off."

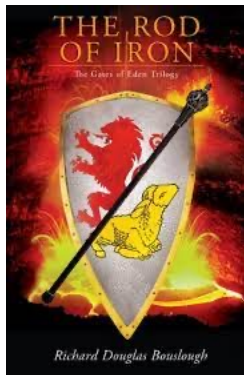
Romans 11:17, 20-22 NASB1995

*All the encouragement to the churches to fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith have been for the sole purpose of not being cut off from receiving these benefits of Israel's inheritance!

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 22:12-13 NASB1995

They will rule with a "rod of iron":



"and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father."

Revelation 2:23, 26-27 ESV

The Great Deception:

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:1, 4-5 NASB1995

*This is the same deception going on today to the church; "surely you will not die"!

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

John 10:10 NASB1995

*The sole purpose of the enemy is to test our allegiance to God just like in the Garden. This race comes with a great enemy!

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”

Galatians 6:7 NASB1995

Ananias and Sapphira were the first big examples of this after Judas Iscariot:

“But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife’s full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles’ feet. But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

Acts 5:1-4 NASB1995

*A special note to remember is that the primary death being talked about to the church is being “separated” or “cut off” from “The Great Reward”!

Keep running a faithful race!

“Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.”

Philippians 3:13-16 NASB1995

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.”

1 Corinthians 9:24 ESV

Questions for reflection and application:

1. Put “the great exchange” in your own words. In what ways can you adapt your life to make this exchange a bigger reality?
2. When you originally made your first profession of faith in Jesus Christ, did you understand that this was really the offer? Explain.
3. Think about another milestone in life when you “exchange” vows of marriage to another. How is this analogy similar to “the great exchange”? Are there any other examples you can think of in your life when an “exchange” was required?
4. If God gave His sons life in exchange for ours, does it make sense that He is asking us to give our lives in exchange for something? (See verse below)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Romans 12:1 ESV

5. What does it mean to you to be a “living sacrifice”?

*Remember be a good Berean and be diligent in studying the scriptures to show yourself approved and encourage others to do the same!



“Knighting” sequence as outlined:

The Great Offer leads to The Great Exchange which is The Great Cost but we are given grace, The Great Gift, in order to run a faithful race, overcome The Great Deception from the enemy and receive The Great Reward!