

Love, Identity and Purpose
The Exchange of the Cross

1. Jesus was punished so we could be forgiven

Isaiah 53:5 *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

Colossians 2:13-14. *"And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the Cross. "*

2. Jesus took our sin upon Himself so we could be made righteous.

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

1 John 1:8-9 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

3. Jesus was despised and rejected by men so we could be accepted in the beloved

Isaiah 53:3 *He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

Ephesians 1:4-6 *Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.*

4. Jesus was literally cut off by sin from the Father, so we could be reconciled to Him.

Isaiah 53:8c *For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.*

Psalms 22:1 *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

Colossians 1:20-21 *And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His Cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.*

5. Jesus bore our shame so we could share His glory.

Hebrews 2:10-11 *For it was fitting for Him for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.*

Isaiah 61:7 *"Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs."*

6. Jesus was wounded, taking our pain and sickness so we could be healed.

Isaiah 53:3-5 *"... by His stripes we are healed."*

Matthew 8:16-17 *When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirit with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He himself took our infirmities and bore out sicknesses."*

7. Jesus became poor so we could share His abundance

1 Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

8. Jesus died our death so we could have life.

Hebrews 2:9 *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*

Hebrews 2:14-15 *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

2 Corinthians 5:1-4 *For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens...that mortality may be swallowed up by life.*

9. Jesus was buried so we could be raised to walk in newness of life

Romans 6:4 *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*