

## The Great Exchange by John Piper

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed. (Romans 1:16–17)*

We need righteousness to be acceptable to God. But we don't have it. What we have is sin.

So, God has what we need and don't deserve — righteousness; and we have what God hates and rejects — sin. What is God's answer to this situation?

His answer is Jesus Christ, the Son of God who died in our place and bore our condemnation. "By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he [God] condemned sin in the flesh" (Romans 8:3). Whose flesh bore the condemnation? His. Whose sins were being condemned? Ours. This is the great exchange. Here it is again in 2 Corinthians 5:21: "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

God lays our sins on Christ and punishes them in him. And in Christ's obedient death, God fulfills and vindicates his righteousness and imputes (credits) it to us. Our sin on Christ; his righteousness on us.

We can hardly stress too much that Christ is God's answer to our greatest problem. It is all owing to Christ.

You can't love Christ too much. You can't think about him too much, or thank him too much, or depend upon him too much. All our forgiveness, all our justification, all our righteousness is in Christ.

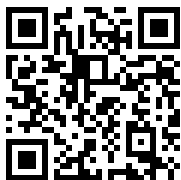
This is the gospel — the good news that our sins are laid on Christ and his righteousness is laid on us, and that this great exchange becomes ours not by works but by faith alone. "By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8–9).

Here is the good news that lifts burdens and gives joy and makes strong.

### Events

TODAY Hawfields 3 PM  
TODAY Fellowship Picnic  
7 PM  
5/3 Small Groups 7:15 PM  
5/6 Men's Prayer 7:30 AM  
5/6 Ladies Missionary  
Society 9 AM  
5/7 College & Career 1 PM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



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### Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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# Morning Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

**Pastor Stephen Byrd**  
**Come Behold the Wondrous**  
**Mystery**

1. Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; He the perfect Son of Man  
in His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

3. Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold;  
bringing many sons to glory; Grace unmeasured, Love untold.

4. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death, the God of life;  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!

**What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.**

**Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes! (repeat)**

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## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory

**Matthew 15:1-21, page 820**

**#704 Jesus, Keep Me Near the**  
**Cross**

## Preparatory

**All I Have is Christ**

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost.  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross,  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.  
**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.**

Now Lord I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see  
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose,  
and let my song forever be my only boast is You.

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.**  
(a cappella)

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.**

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## Sermon

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

# Evening Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

**Pastor Charles Fortner**  
**#705 Marvelous Grace of Our**  
**Loving Lord**

## Pastoral Prayer

## Scripture Reading

**2 Samuel 13:32-14:20, page 265**

## Offertory

**Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior**

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art smiling, do not pass me by.

**(Refrain) Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;**  
**While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. **(Refrain)**

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. **(Refrain)**

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? **(Refrain)**

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## Prayer

## Preparatory

**Lord I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

**(Chorus) Lord, I need You, oh I need You. Every hour I need You.**  
**My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
**(Chorus)**

## Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
**(Chorus)**

**You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**  
**My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.**

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## Sermon

**Pastor Stu Johnston**