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### *Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture*

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### “Trading Places”

(Christ Taking On Humanity's Liabilities and Penalties For Sin)

## 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

#### Amplified Bible

(17) Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].

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#### Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life.

#### Ephesians 4:22-24

to put off your former way of life, your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; / to be renewed in the spirit of your minds; / and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

#### Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices, / and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator

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#### Amplified Bible

(18) But all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ [making us acceptable to Him] and gave us the ministry of reconciliation [so that by our example we might bring others to Him],



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In the Bible, **reconciliation** refers to **the restoration of relationships**, particularly between God and humanity, and between individuals, after a breakdown of unity or harmony. It signifies a move from **estrangement** or enmity to peace and fellowship. Reconciliation involves a change in relationship, often requiring repentance, forgiveness, and sometimes restitution. The Bible emphasizes that reconciliation with God is achieved through **Jesus Christ**, who serves as the means of atonement and reconciliation. This reconciliation brings about a restoration of fellowship and peace between God and humanity, who were previously alienated by sin.

**What is the meaning of estranged?** - **lacking interest in and no longer close or friendly with someone.** When we're talking about estrangement, it means your relationship is disconnected.

**Atonement:** The act of making amends for wrong. **Forgiveness:** The act of releasing someone from wrongdoing.

**Repentance:** A change of mind and heart. **Restitution:** Making amends for harm caused.

### **Amplified Bible**

(19) that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but canceling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, restoration to favor with God].

## **Don't Waste Christ's Blood**

### **Amplified Bible**

(20) So we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us; we [as Christ's representatives] plead with you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God.

### **Amplified Bible**

(21) He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness].

In the Bible, an ambassador, specifically an "ambassador for **Jesus Christ**," refers to a believer who represents God's message and kingdom on earth. Essentially, it's a spiritual role where individuals are called to convey God's message of reconciliation and salvation to others.



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If your life does not represent God's Message, Are you an Ambassador For Christ?

If what you say and preach doesn't represent what Christ is saying in His messages, Are you an Ambassador For Christ?

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior, Are you an Ambassador of Christ?

## Jesus Christ, The Ultimate "Trade"

**Taking Our Place:** The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the most prominent example of trading places in the Bible. He took our place, bearing the punishment and consequences of our sins, so forgiveness and reconciliation with God could be received.

**Exchange of Sin for Righteousness:** Jesus, who was without sin, became sin for us, so that we could become the righteousness of God in him (2 Corinthians 5:21). This is a profound spiritual exchange where Jesus takes our sin and guilt, and we receive His righteousness.

**Becoming Poor so We Can Be Rich:** Jesus "traded places" by leaving his heavenly glory and taking on human form, even experiencing poverty, so spiritual riches and eternal life could be inherited.

**The Scapegoat on the Day of Atonement:** Symbolic Removal of Sin: In the Old Testament, specifically on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), a ritual involving two goats took place. One goat was sacrificed for the sins of the people, and the other, the scapegoat, had the sins of the people symbolically laid upon it before being released into the wilderness.

**Foreshadowing Christ's Sacrifice:** This ritual served as a powerful symbol of how sin could be transferred and removed, pointing towards the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ who would take the sins of the world upon himself.

**Spiritual Growth:** The Bible also speaks of trading our old, sinful nature for a new life in Christ, putting on the new self and being transformed.

**Trading Lies for Truth:** Turning away from false beliefs and embracing God's truth is another form of exchange, leading to spiritual freedom and a deeper relationship with Him.



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### **John 16:13**

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(13) But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].

The Trade Brings Your Final Victory: The Bible also speaks of a final and ultimate victory over Satan and his forces during the final judgment, when God will fully and completely defeat him. This victory will bring about the establishment of God's kingdom and the full restoration of all things. **Daniel 12:1-13 - Rev 19:**

### **1 Corinthians 15:48-58**

#### Contemporary English Version

(48) Everyone on earth has a body like the body of the one who was made from the dust of the earth. And everyone in heaven has a body like the body of the one who came from heaven.

#### GOD'S WORD® Translation

(49) As we have worn the likeness of the man who was made from the dust of the earth, we will also wear the likeness of the man who came from heaven.

#### Amplified Bible

(50) Now I say this, believers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit *nor* be part of the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (*mortal*) inherit the imperishable (*immortal*).

#### Amplified Bible

(51) Listen very carefully, I tell you a mystery [a secret truth decreed by God and previously hidden, but now revealed]; we will not all sleep [in death], but we will all be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed],

### **(If You Accept The Life-Giving Trade)**

#### Amplified Bible

(52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at [the sound of] the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [who believed in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and we will be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed].



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(53) For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us that is capable of dying] must put on immortality [which is freedom from death].

### Legacy Standard Bible

(54) But when this corruptible puts on the incorruptible, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the word that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

### Contemporary English Version

(54) The bodies we now have are weak and can die. But they will be changed into bodies that are eternal. Then the Scriptures will come true, “Death has lost the battle!

### Amplified Bible

(55) O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?”

### Amplified Bible

(56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin [by which it brings death] is the law;

**The “power of sin”** refers to the strength or influence that sin has over individuals, which is magnified by the law. The law, given through Moses, defines sin and makes people aware of their transgressions ([Romans 3:20](#)). While the law is holy and righteous ([Romans 7:12](#)), it also highlights human inability to achieve righteousness on their own. The law acts as a mirror, showing people their sinful nature and their need for a Savior.

### Amplified Bible

(57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory [as conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Amplified Bible

(58) Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].

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