

**The Greatest Exchange**  
**Another Reason to Jump for Joy**  
Romans 5:6-11

**Introduction:**

- The greatest exchange is called r\_\_\_\_\_iation
  1. The word is found in Rom 5:11
  2. The word means to bring into h\_\_\_\_\_ those who are at odds
- The greatest exchange is another reason to jump for joy

**It Took Place At the C\_\_\_\_\_ (6-8)**

- The timeliness of the exchange (v. 6) - God waited until 30 A.D. because it was the r\_\_\_\_\_ time.
  1. Some speculate that it was the right time because of universal peace (Roman Empire) & a universal language (G\_\_\_\_\_), enabling the gospel to spread easily.
  2. It was the right time because of p\_\_\_\_\_ - Dan 9:24-27 (see Daniel's Vision of the Saving Work of Jesus Christ – part 2 and 3)
    - a. The time frame was 70 w\_\_\_\_\_ (literally, sevens) of years ( $70 \times 7 = 490$  years) - verse 24
    - b. The time begins from the issuing of a d\_\_\_\_\_ to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (458 B.C.), which brings us up to 33 A.D. (see Ezra 7:8-26)
    - c. 483 years from the decree, the M\_\_\_\_\_ would appear bringing us to 26/27 A.D., the time of Jesus' baptism - verse 25
    - d. Sometime after the 483 years the Messiah would be c\_\_\_\_\_ off (i.e. suffer, die) – verse 26
    - e. The last seven years span the 3 ½ years of Jesus' ministry plus 3 ½ years that the gospel was focused on the Jewish people. – verse 27 (*He will make a firm covenant with the many for one seven* – see Lk 22:20, the New Covenant)
    - f. *In the middle of the seven, He will put a stop to s\_\_\_\_\_* - Jesus' death in 30 A.D. momentarily stopped sacrifices when the temple veil was ripped (Mk 15:8), and eternally stopped them for believers (Heb 10:12)

- The magnitude of the exchange (vv. 7,8)
  1. A human illustration (7)
    - a. It would be difficult to find someone who would willingly die for a r\_\_\_\_\_ person (i.e. one who is just and fair, like a good judge)
    - b. You might be able to find someone who would willingly die for a g\_\_\_\_\_ person (i.e. one who is generous and kind)
  2. The contrasting point (8)
    - a. From God's standpoint we were neither righteous nor good, but h\_\_\_\_\_ (6a), ungodly (6b), and s\_\_\_\_\_ (8)
    - b. Yet God demonstrated His own l\_\_\_\_\_ toward us when Christ died for us.
  3. On the cross Jesus' righteousness was exchanged for man's s\_\_\_\_\_, and death

**It Takes Effect At the Moment of F\_\_\_\_\_ (9,10)**

- Paul assumes that his readers are \_\_\_\_\_ justified or declared righteous by Christ's b\_\_\_\_\_ (9a)
  1. He is already stated in verse 1 that this gift of righteousness came by f\_\_\_\_\_
  2. When you purchase a gift for someone, the gift is not theirs until they r\_\_\_\_\_ it. Likewise, we did not gain the verdict of righteousness at the time of purchase (30 A.D.) but when we received it by faith.
  3. Christ's death for us guarantees that we will never experience God's w\_\_\_\_\_ (9b)
- This purchase is eternally guaranteed by Jesus' death but also by His l\_\_\_\_\_ (10)
  1. What were we before faith in Christ? - E\_\_\_\_\_

2. What did God do to us while His enemies? - Reconciled us, which means He made us into His f\_\_\_\_\_
3. How much more will God do for us while His friends! – we w\_\_\_\_\_ be saved by Christ’s life.
  - a. This does not refer to Christ’s life before He died.
  - b. This refers to Christ’s life after He died, His r\_\_\_\_\_

●Are not we already saved as Eph 2:8,9 states? There are three aspects to salvation

1. At the moment of faith we were saved from the eternal p\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
2. As we live by faith we are being saved from the p\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
3. When Christ’s returns, we will be saved from the p\_\_\_\_\_ of sin and all its effects – Jesus’ resurrection guarantees our resurrection from death.

●If it is true that while were enemies of God, that God made us into His friends through the death of His Son, how much more true is it that having been made into His friends, we will be saved through the resurrection of His Son!

### **It Gives God the G\_\_\_\_\_ (11)**

●Reconciliation is a h\_\_\_\_\_ experience

1. We realize that we are n\_\_\_\_\_ and that we don’t deserve God’s gift.
2. We can only “exult” (jump for j\_\_\_\_\_ ) in God

●This rejoicing is through our Lord Jesus Christ

1. What is meant by Lord (kurios)? – when the Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek they translated the Hebrew name of God (Yahweh) as Lord (kurios). To confess Jesus as Lord is to confess Him as God! (Rom 10:9,11-13)
2. What is meant by Christ? – it refers to the prophesied K\_\_\_\_\_ who would reign forever. This person would be God in the flesh (Is 9:6; 7:14; Mic 5:2)
3. What is meant by Jesus? – that was His birth name given because of its meaning, which is Yahweh is s\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 1:21)

*God became flesh in the person of Jesus  
in order to make  
the greatest exchange of all  
(2 Cor 5:21).*