# THE BIG IDEA

**The Great Exchange (Galatians 2:19-21; 3:10-14)**

**The Greatness of the Cross pt. 2**

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The cross was where Christ, after living a perfect life, died in our place in order to pay the penalty for our sins that we might receive the benefits of righteousness. We couldn’t be made right on our own, so Jesus, as our substitute, became us so that we can fully embrace peace with God.

# OPENING

* What do you think of when you hear the word “substitute”?

# DIGGING DEEPER

* How would you define “justification” (before reading the Scripture passages)? Read Galatians 3:11 and Romans 3:20. What do these two verses say about justification? How does this challenge you?
* Read Galatians 3:17 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does it mean to be a “new creation”? How does this look practically?
* Read Genesis 12:3, Acts 3:25, and Galatians 3:14. What is the blessing of Abraham, according to Galatians? How are we a part of it?
* Read Romans 6:11-13 and 1 Peter 2:23-24. What does it mean, practically, that you have died to sin and live for righteousness?
* Read Romans 5:1-2 and Philippians 4:6-7. What does it mean to have peace with God and the peace of God? How do you need the peace of God right now?

PUTTING IT TO WORK

These three applications relate to the three points from the sermon: Since Christ is our substitute. Choose one to focus on this week.

* **Stop trying to do it on your own:** You are a righteous sinner, simultaneously righteous and a sinner. Spend some time in prayer, thanking God for that truth. Think or journal about ways in which you have put on a mask, tried to hide who you truly are and the things you struggle with. How does the truth that you are declared righteous as a sinner challenge you in that area?
* **Glory in the Cross:** In Galatians 6:14 Paul talks about the cross being the only thing he boasts about. The cross was central for Paul. He displayed it in the way he lived. Think of one way you can serve someone this week. What is one act of service you can do that displays for others the humility and love of the cross?
* **Embrace Peace with God:** Memorize Philippians 4:7. Read it in different translations, and pick the one you like the most. When you feel anxious, pray that verse; declare it over the circumstances you face.

# PRAYER REQUESTS