I. The Cross

A. Meaning:
   1. What was accomplished in the purpose of God by Jesus’ death on the cross
   2. Atonement: “At-one-ment”—what makes us at one with God

B. One all-sufficient sacrifice (Heb. 10:14)
   1. Jesus: the Priest and the sacrifice in one
   2. Every need of every believer supplied
   3. The “orange” or the “orange grove”
   4. The storehouse and the key
      a. Owners: Jesus and the Father
      c. The key is in the shape of the cross

C. Personal experience
   1. Background
      a. Childhood
      b. My encounter with Christ
   2. Hospital in Egypt: My healing
      b. “Consider the work of Calvary . . .”
      c. Keep the sacrifice intact (Gen. 15:11)
         (I) Drive doubt away with Scripture
         (2) Healing verses: Prov. 4:20–22

D. Healing just one aspect of the total work

E. Focus on Isaiah 53:4–6 (Jesus)
   2. Last 27 Chapters = 3 groups of 9. All ending with judgment of wicked
      a. First 9 ch.: 40–48
      b. Second 9 ch.: 49–57
      c. Third 9 ch.: 58–66
   3. Middle verses of middle 9 verses: Ch. 53 = 4 sets of 3 verses
   4. Add Is. 52:13–15 (Intro to ch. 53) = Total of 5 sets of 3 verses
5. Middle set is Is. 53:4–6 = The center of last 27 chapters of Isaiah—the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus

**The Exchange Introduced**

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**I. The Cross (cont’d.)**

**F. God made to meet on Jesus all our guilt (Is. 53:6)**

1. Iniquity: guilt, perversity = rebellion (Heb. 9:14)
2. The punishment for guilt of us all
   a. Cain’s punishment (Gen. 4:13)
   b. Saul’s promise of no punishment to the witch he consulted (1 Sam. 28:10)
   c. Job 19:29
   d. Punishment and iniquity (Lam. 4:6, 22)

**B. Divinely ordained exchange: the evil came upon Jesus—the good made available to us**

1. Jesus was punished that we might be forgiven (Is. 53:4–5)
   a. Abolished enmity, restored peace (Eph. 2:14–17)
   b. Reconcile all things; make peace (Col. 1:19–20)

2. Jesus was wounded that we might be healed
   a. He took our sicknesses and bore our pains
   b. He healed all (Matt. 8:16–17)
   c. 1 Pet. 2:24

3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness that we might be made righteous with His righteousness (Is. 53:10)
   a. 2 Cor. 5:21
   b. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness (Is. 61:10)

**The Exchange Personalized**

– Part 1 –

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**I. The Cross (cont’d.)**

**G. Divinely ordained exchange (cont’d.)**

4. Jesus died our death that we might share His life (Heb. 2:9)
   a. By grace only (Eph. 2:8; John 1:17)
      (1) Jesus—channel of all grace
      (2) The cross is the basis of the offer of grace
      (3) We receive it by faith, not works (Rom. 4:5)
   b. “. . . They shall never taste death . . .” (John 8:52)
   c. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23)

5. Jesus was made a curse that we might receive the blessing (Gal. 3:13–14)
   a. “He who is hanged is accursed to God” (Deut. 21:22–23)
   b. Curses and blessings (Deut. 28)
   c. Indications of a curse
      (1) Mental and emotional breakdown
      (2) Repeated or chronic sicknesses (especially hereditary)
      (3) Repeated miscarriages or related female problems
      (4) Breakdown of marriage—family alienation
Continuing financial insufficiency (especially when income appears sufficient)
“Accident prone”
Suicides or unnatural deaths

6. Jesus endured our poverty that we might share His abundance (2 Cor. 8:9; 9:8)
   a. Sufficiency—just enough
      Abundance—more than enough
   b. Poverty curse (Deut. 28:47–48)
      (1) Hungry
      (2) Thirsty
      (3) Naked
      (4) In need

The Exchange Personalized
– Part 2 –
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I. The Cross (cont’d.)
   G. Divinely ordained exchange (cont’d.)
      7. Jesus bore our shame that we might share His glory (Matt. 27:35–36)
         a. We “hid our faces from Him” (Is. 53:3)
         b. To bring many sons to glory (Heb. 2:10)
      8. Jesus endured our rejection that we might have His acceptance with the Father (Matt.
         27:45–51)
         a. Children need love and acceptance, especially father’s
         b. Love must be openly expressed
         c. Divorce causes rejection (Is. 54:6)
         d. Jesus died of a broken heart
         e. Results of acceptance (Eph. 1:3–6)
      9. Jesus was cut off by death that we might be joined to God eternally (Is. 53:7–9)
         a. The Spirit of Messiah speaking through prophets (1 Pet. 1:10–11) (See Ps. 22:16–
            18, 16:7–11; Is. 50:4–6)
         b. “I am cut off” (Lam. 3:54)
         c. “Gall for food; vinegar to drink” (Ps. 69:2, 21)
         d. Ps. 88:3–18
         e. “He who is joined to the Lord is one Spirit with Him” (1 Cor. 6:16–17)

   Salvation Is All-Inclusive
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I. The Cross (cont’d.)
   G. Divinely ordained exchange (cont’d.)
      10. Our old man was put to death in Him that the new man might come to life in us
          (Rom. 6:6)
          a. Our old man (rebel) was crucified in Him (Rom. 6:6, 11)
          b. Old man is corrupt—corruption cannot be reversed (Eph. 4:22–24)
          c. The new man is Christ (Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:27)
          d. The new man cannot sin (1 John 3:9; 5:4)
e. The seed is incorruptible (1 Pet. 1:23)
f. A continuous battle (Col. 3:1–3)

H. Salvation
1. Definition: Everything obtained for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross
   a. Spiritual
   b. Mental
   c. Emotional
   d. Physical
   e. Material
   f. Financial
   g. Temporal
   h. Eternal
2. Old Testament usage (Ps. 78:22, 41)
3. New Testament usage (Greek = sozo)
   a. “Perfectly well” (Matt. 14:36)
   b. Blind man healed (Mark 10:51–52)
   c. Gadarene demoniac delivered (Luke 8:36)
   d. Woman healed who had the issue of blood (Luke 8:47–48)
   e. A man’s daughter raised from the dead (Luke 8:50)
   f. Lame man healed (Acts 4:9, 12)
   g. Crippled man walks (Acts 14:8–10)
   h. Kept from all evil (2 Tim. 4:18)
   i. Prayer of faith will save the sick (James 5:15)

How To Enter In
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I. The Cross (cont’d.)
1. How to enter into salvation (Acts 2:7–8)
   1. Four requirements
      a. Repent (Mark 1:15)
         (1) To change your mind—a decision
         (2) Rebellion—incomplete obedience is disobedience (Is. 53:6)
      b. Believe (Mark 1:15)
         (1) Hebrews 11:6
         (2) Faith comes (Rom. 10:17)
         (3) Renounce unbelief—it is evil (Heb. 3:12)
      c. Confess (Rom. 10:9–10)
         (1) To say the same as God has already said in His Word
         (2) Jesus is High Priest of our confession (Heb. 3:1)
         (3) Confess and hold fast (Heb. 4:14)
         (4) Hold fast without wavering (Heb 10:21–23)
      d. Act (James 2:20–26)
   2. Example of taking God’s Word as medicine
   3. Faith is an act
      a. The simplest act of faith is thanksgiving
      b. Jonah 2:9–10
      c. John 6:11, 23
      d. John 11:41
4. Eyes fixed on Jesus and the cross
   a. John 3:14–15
   b. Num. 21:5–9

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