***The Great Exchange – Sermon Kit 101-3***

Jesus is calling people to enter a race. The race is not easy, but its completion will make every moment of suffering pale as we behold what is in store. Jesus is waiting at the finish line. He will wipe away every tear and present awards to those who run their race well. We will be home.

The purpose of this sermon kit (**101**) is to introduce the race and the One who starts and finishes it for each person (Heb. 12:2). We want people to know who Jesus is, what Jesus calls them to, what the rewards are, and what the finish looks like. Hopefully, these will motivate positive action in the people to whom you minister.

This kit contains six sermons and the helps to go with them:

101-1 The Battle For Your Soul

101-2 Jesus, The Only Way To God

101-3 The Great Exchange

101-4 Our Identity In Christ

101-5 Our Great Wedding

101-6 Preparing To Finish Well

This section (**101-3; The Great Exchange**) of the kit is based on **2 Corinthians 5:21**. The only way for us to come to God is for Jesus to exchange His righteousness for our sin. He didn’t want our sin, but He did want us. The reason He had to conduct this transaction is because we traded the treasure God gave us for something as empty and transitory as sin.

The teaching sample recounts the series of exchanges that happen alternatingly between humanity and God.

1. God exchanged His solitude for our existence.
2. We exchanged God’s truth for Satan’s lies.
3. God exchanged His covering for our shame.
4. We exchanged God’s direction for our wandering.
5. God exchanged His righteousness for our wickedness.
6. We exchanged our old life for His new one.

Ours is a series of foolish exchanges until we get to the last one. Even that one looks foolish in men’s eyes, but it will prove in the end to be wise. All of God’s purchases appear foolish. He pays a high price for beat up humanity, restores us, and then shows off His handiwork to the universe. In the end, He gets all the glory.

There are multiple parts to this sermon kit.

1. Introduction page – explains what is in the kit.
2. Sermon note-sheet – a resource for the people to take notes
3. Sermon outline – a resource for the pastor to use
4. Teaching sample – sermon text ideas
5. PowerPoint – graphics for media applications
6. Promotional helps – several resources to help promote the message

All Pastoral Kits resources are free and available to use as you wish within the above guidelines. Make changes that best fit your application, and feel free to make unlimited copies and distribute them as needed. Our prayer is that God will use these resources to prepare people for the soon return of Jesus Christ. Finish Well.