**The Great Exchange**

**Part One - Restoration for Repentance**

**Isaiah 61:1-3**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion - to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

**In Christ, we have received the great exchange.**

**How We Respond When Someone Sins**

**Galatians 6:1**

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

**1. Our response works toward restoration.**

**1 Peter 4:8**

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

**Proverbs 11:13**

The one who goes about slandering others reveals secrets, but the one who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

**2. Our response requires repentance.**

**Luke 17:3**

So watch yourselves! “If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive.”

**Matthew 3:8**

Therefore, produce fruit that proves your repentance…

**3. Our response recognizes our own vulnerability.**

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

**When We Suspect Someone of Sin**

**1. Ask the difficult questions.**

**Ephesians 5:11**

Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

**2. Bring your suspicions to a leader.**

**Matthew 18:17**

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.

**3. Pray God exposes or exonerates.**

**Numbers 32:23**

And know that your sin will find you out.

**4. Believe the best until God reveals the worst.**

**1 Corinthians 13:7**

Love is ever ready to believe the best of every person…

**5. Keep your eyes on Jesus.**

**Hebrews 12:2**

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.

**The great exchange includes restoration for repentance.**

**1 Peter 5:10**

God, who shows you his kindness and who has called you through Christ Jesus to his eternal glory, will restore you, strengthen you, make you strong, and support you as you suffer for a little while.