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A world of Difference

Part 3

“Extreme Makeover”

Welcome

**A World of Difference – Part 3**

*‘Extreme makeover’*

**Intro:** Mankind needed saving from the curse of sin because of Adam’s fall.God had to send Jesus to save us & make a world of difference.

**Father’s plan: Ezekiel 36:26**-**27**

**The Son’s consummation of the plan: John 19:28-30**

**Holy Spirit infuses us with new life: Titus 3:3-5**

**Paul gets an ‘extreme makeover’**

Before: **Galatians 1:13–14** (‘Hard hearted persecutor’)

After: **Galatians 1:15-16a** (Yielded heart: preacher)

**Dog or Cat / Son or sinner? John 1:12 / 1 Peter 1:23**

**How ‘extreme’ is this makeover really? 2 Peter 1:2-4**

**The great jail break**

* Do we step out into the wide open spaces of God’s grace, or stay put and paint the walls with murals that depict the wide open spaces outside?
* (Religiosity is characterized by ‘distance’ & ‘delay’)
* If I step out won’t I be tempted to abuse that freedom?
* I think I’ll play safe and just exercise in the prison yard.

**Holy Spirit to the rescue: Romans 8:14**

* The Holy Spirit within us always leads in a righteous direction helping us to function within God’s grace realm.

**But what if I do fall in sin as a Christian?**

* We fall within the ‘ark’ of God’s realm of grace!

-Not in and out of His safety.

* To fall from grace is not to give in to some temptation:

Eg. some passion of the flesh like

But…

* To fall from grace is to go back to relying on your own efforts under the ‘law system’, and thus negate Jesus work on our behalf on the cross.

*“The just shall live by faith”*

**Galatians 5:1-4**

**‘Once upon a time’ – chicken and eagle story**

* Choose to ‘fly high’ into the wide-open spaces of grace
* As you believe right you’ll behave right.

**Final Take Away & Communion**

*God took extreme measures to give us an extreme makeover*

* If salvation is simply about being good to people, and following Jesus’ example, it mocks the extreme suffering Jesus endured to rid us of sin.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

*For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

*From ‘sinner’ (by nature) to ‘saint’ (by birth)*