

Chosen Series pt. 3

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How the Gospel Changes Our Present

1 Peter 2:9-10 ... you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Romans 7:21-23

... I want to do good ... but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

Ephesians 2:1-3

... you were dead in your transgressions and sins ... you followed ... the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ... gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. ... we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV) Therefore, my dear friends ... **continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling**, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Good News

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) He himself **bore our sins** in his body on the cross, so that we might **die to sins** and live for righteousness; **by his wounds (stripes) you have been healed**.

Impact of Genesis 3:6-9 VS 1 Peter 2:24			
Self	Significance	Security	Satisfaction

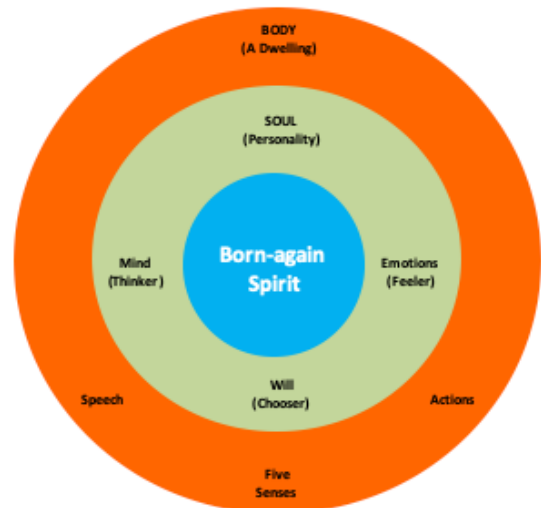
Big Idea: Jesus carried away my sins and I am complete in Him.



Spirit
United with Christ.

Soul
Sin Damaged
Thought Patters.
Must be Renewed

Body (Flesh)
Influenced appetites, habits, addictions.
Must be Crucified



Ephesians 2:4-5, 10 (NIV) But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. For we are God's handiwork, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

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Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate conversation that matter. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

Restore your Soul - Renew Your Minds

Rom 12:1-2	Renew your soul (mind) by reflecting on God's Word	Crucify your flesh / worldly appetites
1 Peter 1:13-16	Be sober (single) minded	Do not conform to this world ...
1 Peter 2:1-2	Crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.	Rid of malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
 2. Reflect on the following statement by R Skoog (pg 77) Sin is not just something I do, it's part of my broken nature.
 3. What are some practical steps you can take to focus on what Jesus has done instead of on what you're doing to become complete?
 4. Are there times in your life when you have felt Jesus's completeness? What did those times look like? How did that experience help you realize the truth that we're only complete in Jesus?
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Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. I acknowledge that I have sinned and that I cannot save myself. I believe that Jesus came to give me *eternal, spiritual life*, and by faith I now choose to receive You into my life as my Lord and my Savior.

Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit and enable me to be the person You created me to be. I pray you will help me say NO to my old thought patterns and destructive habits and appetites. Help me to reflect deeply on your truth so that I can experience *my new identity and freedom in Christ being transformed by the renewing of my mind*.

In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen.

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God created man in His own image, in a state of original righteousness, from which he subsequently fell by a voluntary revolt, and as a consequence is guilty, inherently corrupt, and subject to divine wrath. The unregenerate are totally depraved and do not possess a will free from the dominion of the sin nature.