



## The Clean Life – Message 2

### Announcements

- **Men's Night** with Kenny Luck // Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the LCC Campus and streamed live at GCC. Event starts at 7pm with a Vintage car show and food at 6pm. Encourage the men in your group to attend.
- **Women's Night** with Lysa TerKeurst // Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the LCC Campus and streamed live at GCC. Event starts at 7pm; desserts and door opens at 6pm. Encourage the women in your group to carpool together. Childcare provided.

### Warm-up

What do you like to do for fun in your spare time?

Last week we looked at how we can live *The Forgiven Life* by asking one question: "What do we do with our sin - cover it, confess it, or conquer and overcome it?" This week we focus on overcoming sin and how to live a life clean of habitual sin and filled with purpose.

### Word and Application

#### 1. Jesus is our defense attorney, our Advocate.

**Read 1 John 2: 1.** Share a time when someone stood up for you or for your cause. What did that moment mean to you?

What does it mean to you knowing that *Jesus* is your advocate?

If you have an advocate, what they achieve, you achieve. What is something that comes to mind that Jesus achieved that you can claim as your victory as well?

## 2. Jesus appeased God's wrath and simultaneously removes our guilt.

**Read 1 John 2:2 & 2 Corinthians 5:21.** When we accept Jesus as our Savior, is there any record of our sin in Heaven's ledger? Why is this the case?

## 3. God imparts His righteousness.

**Read 1 John 2:3.** How does understanding our righteousness and empowerment of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit help us overcome sin and live in obedience to God?

## 4. Read 1 John 2:4-6, John 14:15-17 & 1 John 2:9-10.

When you truly know God, your life begins where Jesus finished because *His* nature becomes *your* nature. This gives you supernatural ability to do things you couldn't accomplish in your old nature. It leads to what we call, *The Great Exchange*.

**This Great Exchange gives us two keys:**

### 1. Power to fulfill God's best and your purpose.

How will this help you live out all that God has called you to be and do?

### 2. Power to love others.

When you have the strength to choose love in rather difficult situations, this is the visible manifestation of the good fruit that has grown out of your life as proof that you have overcome and the Great Exchange is at work in you. Explain the necessity of drawing on God's love when under stressful situations which will be the proof of God working in you?

How will you apply this lesson on *Living a Clean Life* to areas of sin in your life?

## Prayer

Close in prayer by thanking God for the grace and power that is found in the Spirit of God and the finished work of the cross. Pray for specific needs in your group.