

MILES MINNICK

Artist:	Album Title & Record Company:	Video Title:	Study by:
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Theme

Salvation, Jesus' Sacrifice, Grace

Objective

Students will discover how God's great love, through His grace and Jesus' sacrifice, pays our debt of sin, gives new life, and changes everything.

Warm Up

Makeover – Direct the group to the "Makeover" section on their *Student Guide*. Give them exactly three minutes to complete it.

When time is up, have each person read their list aloud. Cross off duplicates as they go. The person with the longest unique list wins the thrill of victory!

After the activity, discuss:

- Why do people get makeovers?
- What types of makeovers do people have done?
- Why do buildings or places (parks, beaches, etc.) have makeovers?
- What is great about a makeover, especially one that someone else arranged and paid for?

Transition

It's not uncommon for people to want a makeover—of their appearance, personality, skills, or even spaces like homes or businesses. But the ultimate makeover is the eternal one Christ offers: a change from the despair and death of sin to new life through His sacrifice. Today we discover how God's great love, through Jesus' payment of our debt, gives us new life and changes everything.

The Video

Instruct the group to go to the "Paid" section on their *Student Guide*. Give a little background on Miles Minnick from his website. Encourage students to complete the exercise as they watch. It might be helpful to print the lyrics so youth can catch the words.

Play the music video to "Everything Paid" by Miles Minnick.

- What is the definition of a debt?
- What is our debt to God dating all the way back to Adam and Eve?
- What does the writer mean by "Everything slayed, I been remade"?

The rapper Roddy Ricch says, "*I just stay in my own lane and not worry about what anyone else is doing and settling my own pace,*" but then this writer says, "*Spirit's in control of my mind, body, Can't put me in a box like that guy, Roddy.*"

- How does his commentary on Roddy strengthen the message of the song?
- What other questions do you have about the message of this song?
(If some slang or references are unfamiliar, encourage youth to research and share answers.)

Transition

The songwriter reminds us of the wonderful gift in God's love: His grace, how He paid our debts, and His desire to make everything different. Let's look into Scripture for one of many passages that describes what He offers.

Bible Study

Have youth turn to the "Good News" section on their *Student Guide*. Read the entire passage as a group, then allow them to work on it individually.

Read Isaiah 61

Have youth share responses, then follow with:

- How would you describe the condition of the people and the times in which they live?
- Which item in your list is most appealing to you at this time in your life?
- What would you most like to see God change in your own personal world?
- What would you like to see changed about the larger world?

Wrap Up

God, through Jesus Christ, came into our world to preach the Good News of salvation, change, and new life. Everything has been paid. We can start anew. Jesus quoted the beginning of Isaiah 61 as one of His defining statements in the synagogue. He came, died, and rose again so we would know everything can be different as we walk eternally with God.

Challenge

Go one more time to the "My Big Change" section on your *Student Guide*. Take a few minutes to write your commitment.

Come together and have everyone present their commitment.

Close in prayer. Pray specifically for each person as they seek to incorporate these changes into their lives. Thank God for His grace that paid our debt through Jesus' sacrifice and ask for hearts to be open to the new life and change He offers.

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