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VISIONARY LEADER AND FOUNDER
OF DOXA DEO

Alan Platt is an agent of transformation in the lives of individuals, local churches and corporate structures of society. He has been full-time in Christian ministry since 1983, serving the church on various levels. Under his leadership Doxa Deo has been birthed and is currently serving 30000 people in eleven different campuses functioning as one integrated church in the city of Pretoria.

Doxa Deo has also established campuses in the five other major cities of South-Africa, as well as internationally in London UK, Auckland NZ, and Stuttgart Germany. Doxa Deo has a vision to plant more campuses nationally and internationally and to use it as a vehicle through which it can engage culture and society affecting communities around the world.

Alan has led the charge to create a Kingdom Partnership program for leaders and ministries globally who relate to the vision, values and model of the Doxa Deo ministry. This program is called the City Changers Movement of which he is the visionary leader. He is also

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Through Alan's primary gifting of leadership and teaching, he has not only established an exceptionally dynamic leadership team in Doxa Deo, but also influenced a wide spectrum of organisations, denominations and church networks internationally. His influence extends beyond the church to the influencing of the business sector, education and society at large.



Alan is married to Leana and they have two adult children, Duncan and Amy.

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ALAN'S INTRO

I am convinced that this course has the potential to transform your life. Let me motivate my statement: In this course you will discover:

- That the Gospel is truly good news – good news that includes you;
- That Christ paid the price on your behalf – He came to do that which you could not do on your own;
- That you are no longer a sinner, but that you have a new identity in Christ;
- That the distance between you and God is cancelled forever – God has come near;
- That you no longer have to perform to get God's attention, because in Christ you are acceptable to Him;
- That you are no longer a slave to guilt and shame, because He has come to set you free from inferiority;
- That you have been qualified to reign in this life, now!
- That you can enjoy an intimate personal relationship with God, living without any fear of judgment;
- That you can discover yourself as in the inheritor of the New Testament, where every promise in Scripture has become a reality here, right now, in Christ;
- That you can enter the rest of God with boldness in the conviction that His Word has the capacity to do what He promised it would do.

I now invite you to come with me on this journey to make the greatest revelation that any man could ever have – that is not what you do that counts, but what He has done!


Alan

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SESSION**



IT IS FINISHED!

BASED ON THE INTRODUCTION
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Jesus Christ paid the price for humanity on the cross and then He made this statement: "It is finished!" This is probably the most powerful word ever spoken over humanity.

...The unveiling of this eternal secret is to bring into public view an association that has always been hidden in God; Jesus Christ is the blueprint of creation.

**Ephesians 3:9,
The Mirror**

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said: "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

John 19:30

IT IS FINISHED!

The Gospel is all about what Jesus Christ did on behalf of humanity - that which we desperately needed, but could not do ourselves.

On the cross Jesus Christ paid the price to redeem humanity. The statement: "It is finished!" - in the Greek *tetelestai* - is probably the most powerful word ever spoken over the human race.

Words have power. A single word can keep you captive, it can define the way you approach life. Words have influence and repositioning power.

The word *tetelestai* is the final word spoken over every human life. No word should have a stronger effect on how you live your life than these words: "It is finished!"

You are included in that proclamation in a reference that

has fundamentally repositioned your life and it becomes effective when you discover its implications.

You are called to this incredible reference of understanding that Jesus Christ did everything on your behalf. You cannot fix or save yourself.

Man's best effort cannot restore the damage in man. You can do your best to make yourself better, but you can never really effectively deal with guilt and shame - for that you need a saviour.

The blood of Jesus Christ is the only power that can address the guilt and shame and its effect in your life.

As you consider the Gospel, the good news is that it is not something you still have to do,

IT IS FINISHED

but it has already been done on your behalf! The question now is: How then do you position yourself in response to this accomplished work that Jesus did on your behalf? The answer is: you start at what Christ has finished!

You must discover that the reward of Christianity is not heaven. Although it includes heaven it is so much more than heaven.

The reward of Christianity is eternal life. Eternal life is not something you inherit one day when you die, it refers to the restoration of your intimate relationship with the Father. Through Jesus Christ, you can live intertwined with God and this is something you can partake in now, in this life, here on earth.

When you discover this truth it repositions you to take hold of a new way of living life to the full. You cannot earn this by your own religious diligence – Jesus did it on your behalf.

If you do not understand that the price has been paid and that you are included in an accomplished reality, you will still try to do something to qualify, and that will result in the following:

- **WORKS** – when you still think that what you do will qualify you for greater acceptance and a greater sense of righteousness.
- **WAVERING** – when your performance determines your sense of spiritual strength, and because of your inconsistency, God often feels far.
- **WORRY** – when you are concerned whether God will help you and be with you, and even whether you will qualify for heaven.

The problem is that there are too many voices that cloud this vision to truly see what has already been established. One of the strongest voices that you will have to contend with is the convictions that you have because of the way you assume things to be.

The following is crucial in understanding what “not do, but done” means:

- The Gospel is not about trying to get people to adjust their behavior, to make bad people better people. It is about introducing people to the accomplished work of Christ.
- The Gospel is not pedaling moral options for people to try and improve their way of living, it is introducing them to a new reference of life.

The Gospel is about introducing people to this spacious environment called Christ. In Him do we live and move and have our being. Redemption is all about being found in Him!

AROUND THE TABLE

1. Why is the English rhyme “Humpty Dumpty” a metaphor for the state of humanity and the story of the gospel?
2. Illustrate with personal examples the applicability of the statement: “The Christian walk of many Christians can be compared to the game of ‘Snakes and Ladders’.”
3. What should your Christian walk look like if you understand the gospel correctly?

IN MY HEART

1. Are there any words spoken over your life that is holding you captive in any way?
2. Which areas of your Christian walk can still be compared to the game of “Snakes and ladders”?
3. Have you already discovered that you are included in the accomplished work and victory of Jesus? What impact does your answer have on your life?

THE POINT OF DEPARTURE: ‘IT IS FINISHED!’

Christianity is definitely not about playing spiritual Snakes or Chutes and Ladders in the hope of making the top to reach the “finish” square. The reality you need to discover is that the starting point of our relationship with Jesus is actually the “finish” square. It is not our final destination because we start at “finish.”

THE STARTING POINT: “IT IS FINISHED!”

Christ has reached the top of the metaphorical Snakes or Chutes and Ladders board on our behalf. Our spiritual life begins at the FINISH. We start right at the top, at the perfection that Christ has already achieved!

This is the core of the Gospel. If you do not begin from this perspective, your Christian life is going to be one long journey of constant frustration. God wants to make known His eternal, unconditional love for us from this starting point.

In Christ, we already live right at the top, in the “finish”

square, and no chute should ever catch us off guard again. When Jesus Christ cried out, “It is finished!”, we were included in an event that changed our entire existence. Our spiritual journey involves discovering our true identity, and that discovery begins when we discover ourselves in Christ and claim His declaration, “It is finished.” The game is over - we have won!

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NOT DO, BUT DONE will take you on a journey of discovery of the full implications of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ and His message of grace. Discover the really good news of the Gospel and the fact that you are included in it.



THE GLORY OF GOD IS MAN FULLY ALIVE - ST. IRENAEUS

...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:18-19

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