

I. Your sanctification is part of the good news of Jesus Christ.

- A. What we are saved *from*: walking in sin. (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- B. Dead to sin. (Galatians 2:20a; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Romans 6:4a)
- C. Alive to God. (Galatians 2:20b-21; 2 Corinthians 7:15; Romans 6:4b; Genesis 17:1)
- D. Controlled by the *love* of Christ. (2 Corinthians 7:14)
- E. Trained by *grace*, waiting for our *hope*. (Titus 2:11-14)
- F. Undominated by sin. (Romans 6:12-14)

II. If you let yourself think that God cannot change you ...

- A. You will be unable to see God as both Creator and Redeemer (see Psalm 119:93)
- B. You will fear and distrust God (see Matthew 5:20)
- C. You will only be able to obey God externally

III. In the cross we see the profound love and perfect goodness of God.

- A. It is possible to know intellectually that God is good without "getting it".
- B. You will not see the goodness of God and his law until you know that he loves you.
- C. You will not love God until you know that he is good and his law is good.
- D. In the sacrifice cross we see God's perfect goodness and perfect law and love for us.