

Why Jesus Gave Himself for us

Titus 2:11-14

Introduction:

- A. Jesus gave himself for us - why?
 - 1. Could answer several ways: He loved us, To obey His Father, etc.
 - 2. We want to answer from standpoint of what He wants for us.
- B. Our text suggests three great things for which Jesus gave himself:

Discussion:

I. Our Salvation (v. 8).

- A. Salvation from sin and its eternal consequences.
 - 1. It is not salvation from poverty, disease, hardship, nor physical death (cf. Heb. 9:27).
 - 2. But, salvation from sin and its eternal consequences.
 - a. All separated from God by sin (Rom. 3:10, 26; Isa. 59:1, 9).
 - b. All subject to the wages of sin – eternal death (Rom. 6:23; Rev. 21:8)]
 - 3. It is salvation procured by the sacrifice of Christ (v. 14; Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:22-28)
- B. Salvation from sin is conditioned on human response (Heb. 5:8, 9; Mk. 16:15, 16; 1 Pet. 3:21)

II. Our Transformation (vv. 12, 14).

- A. The Lord's people are being transformed into His image (cf. 2 Pet. 1:4; 2 Cor. 3:18 nkj;).
 - 1. Changed (kjv) or transformed (nkj, asv) is from same word as metamorphous.
 - 2. Not an instant process but on going one.
- B. The Christian's transformation depends on his response to God (Rom. 12:2).
 - 1. When we continually obey we are being transforming into His image (cf. Heb. 5:8-9).
 - 2. When we live soberly, righteously and godly were being transformed (v. 12).
 - 3. In fact, the whole of the Christian life is designed to transform us into his image.
 - a. Our feeding upon his word (cf. 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18)
 - b. Our service in the church.
 - c. Our daily walk of life.

III. Our Glorification (v. 13)

- A. The ultimate purpose salvation and transformation is our glorification (Rom. 8:17,18,29,30)
 - 1. A glorified body (1 Cor. 15:35-44)
 - 2. A glorified home (Col. 3:4)
- B. Our glorification depends on our salvation and transformation.
 - 1. No sin will enter into it – must be saved from it first (John 8:21; Rev. 21:27)
 - 2. Only a transformed mind is fit for heaven (cf. Rom. 12:2; 8:6)
 - 3. An untransformed mind would be miserable in heaven.

Conclusion:

- A. These three things comprise the whole of the Christian life.
- B. Are you saved? Transformed?