

Scripture: Galatians 2:15-21 -3:11-39

LD 15:39, 16:43

Singing: 297:1-3 – 242:1-4 -- 81:1-4 – 255:3-4

**Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:  
they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.  
In thy name shall they rejoice all the day:  
and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. Ps. 89:15-16**

A. What are the joyful sounds these people know?

1. God's abundant promises, like Galatians 1:3-4; 3:13; 3:26, 29 or John 6:54

*Whose eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life;  
And I will raise him up at the last day*

2. Between 'justified' and 'being raise the last day' (glorified): *warfare*

a. grace never leaves us where it finds us: Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:29; Is. 61:10

b. the secret for victorious life of holiness: Gal. 2:20 & 6:14

### **The Benefits of Jesus' Cross Death (3)**

#### **I. He took our curse to the cross II. He takes our old man to the cross**

#### **II. HE TAKES OUR OLD MAN TO THE CROSS**

A. We are dealing here with the life of sanctification: see LD 16.43

1. Westminster Shorter Cat: *Sanctification is work of God's free grace,  
whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and  
are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.*

a. it is God's work within us in which He involves us (Phil. 2:12-13)

2. to sanctify: *the act of setting apart – separate – making holy*

a. spiritually it refers to a *mind-set and lifestyle of holiness*

3. Bible distinguish three different sanctifications

a. Positional Sanctification: *1 Cor. 1:2; 30*

b. Perfected Sanctification: *Rom 8:30; Eph. 5:27; Heb. 12:23*

c. Progressive Sanctification: Heb. 12:14

4. Gospel Comfort: incomplete sanctification never cancels justification  
*But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.* (Gal. 3:11)

*Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit.* (John 13:10a)

a. while pursuing holiness, don't lose sight of *your justification by faith*

b. failure in sanctification is compatible with being pardoned

c. *legally* each believer is righteous while *experientially* they feel unrighteous till their last breath (Gal. 3:13; Romans 5:2; Rom 7:14-24)

C. How then do we *more and more die unto sin and live unto righteousness*?

### **Living the truth ... *Alarm to the unconverted!***

A. If you live in disobedience, you are *cursed* of God: Gal. 3:10; Deut. 27:26

1. Though this sounds harsh and unloving, you misunderstand it!

a. God didn't announce this because He likes it (Ezek. 33:10)

b. God announces to remind you are choosing to perpetuate it

- what is the definition of *cursed*?

- God's curse is a deserved echo upon ours (Genesis 3)

- God invites you to bring your objections (Micah 6:3)

- God beseeches us to be reconciled to Him (2 Cor. 5:20)

c. You can be reconciled: *the cross of Jesus is GOD'S greatest proof*

- unbelief is not simply a *rejection of His offer*