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?