

Sermon Handout
Awareness and Joy
I Corinthians 6:19, 20

Q. How many things are necessary for thee to know, that thou in this comfort may live and die happily? A. Three things: the first, how great my sin and misery is; the second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery; the third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption. Heidelberg Catechism, Question 2.

- I.** The Knowledge of Sin – Romans 3:19, 20
 - a. Sin is universal among men
“all the world is subject to the judgment of God” – Tyndale
Sin is transgression of the law I Jn 3:4 *cf.* WSC Q 14
All have sinned and come short of God’s glory Rom 3:23
 - b. Righteousness is enjoined – Dt 6:5; Matt 22:37-40
Love God with your entire being Dt 6:4-5
Cited by Jesus Mt 22:36-40; Mk 12:29-30
Love is an essential element of the law.
Obedience & love are inseparable Jas 1:21-25

- II.** Redemption Purchased by Christ – Ephesians 1:7, 8
 - a. There is no redemption without divine satisfaction
Christ provided this for us Heb 9:11-12; 22-28
 - b. We are Justified & reconciled Rom 5:9-11 *cf.* WSC Q 25
 - c. Righteousness is secured for us by Christ – II Cor 5:21
This makes absolution possible I Jn 1:7-9

- III.** Thereby we are Enabled to Give Thanks to God – Rom 5:11
 - a. Our obedience allows us to rest in God’s love Jn 14:15; 15:10
 - b. Gratitude is defined by actions
 - A. Shown by negative example: Rom 1:21-25
 - B. Shown by positive example: Luke 7:40-48
 - C. Learned from exhortation II Cor 5:20; I John 2:3-5