**Transforming Grace**

**Chapter 8, Part 1 – “Holiness: A Gift of God’s Grace”**

1. Read Hebrews 10:10-14.
   1. What is positional sanctification? Read Acts 20:32; 26:18; and 1 Cor 1:2; 6:11. What are some implications of being positionally sanctified in Christ?
   2. What is progressive sanctification? Read 1 Thess 5:23; Phil 1:6; 1 Pet 2:2; Jude 24. (Note the key differences between the two stages of sanctification.)
2. How does the truth that our Father “sees the perfect performance of Jesus” (cf. John 8:29) help us when we struggle with doubts about God’s love and acceptance?
   1. When do you tend to struggle to believe that God loves you or cares about you?
   2. What ought we to do when we struggle to believe that God loves us?
3. According to Bridges, why might it be difficult for someone who grew up in the church or lived a relatively “good” life to appreciate what Paul says in 2 Cor 5:17-18? (pp. 117-118)
4. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-18.
   1. What truths about our new birth or salvation do we learn from these two passages?
   2. How do these truths help us grow in our holiness?