Holiness II

Romans 12:9c

A new passion ...

- I. Liberating Grace
 - A. Your Life
 - B. Your Mind
 - C. Your Motives
- II. Loving Good
 - A. Know It
 - B. Cling to It
- III. Living Godly
 - A. Choose It
 - B. Do It
- ... for what God loves.

Children, Listen ...

- 1. Is part of loving God learning to love the things He loves?
- 2. During Jesus' time on earth whose will did He always do?
- 3. Do you know what the summary of God's Law is? Can you write it out?
- 4. Will we ever be able to do all that God commands us to do perfectly?
- 5. We will always deal with sin and we will never be able to do all that God commands us to do, but there is hope for us because Jesus lived a perfect life and died for our sins. Have you trusted Him to take away your sin? If so, does this help you to want to obey God?

No Neutral Blobs

We are to abhor evil — that was the first part of our text and certainly a vital part of the pursuit of holiness. But we can't be so consumed by avoiding sin that we forget the pursuit of the other half of the equation — cling to what is good. We can delight in general good as we see it in the world around us, that is true, but to truly rejoice in the good that God delights in we need to keep our focus on what He is doing, what He deems good and the good He commands us to do. Rejoice in God's glory in creation and in His work of re-creation as His Kingdom advances across the world. Rejoice in the graces you see evidenced in the lives of God's people. And pursue the good things God has called you to do with His help and for His glory and out of love for the Lord of your life. Our sanctification does not only involve putting off the old man, nor is it a call to be neutral blobs — it is a call to put on the new man with a passion for all that is good in the eye of God.