

God's Loving Desire for You

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Timothy 2:1.

B. God is personally interested in us. (Matthew 6)

II. God is a personal heavenly Father desiring all men to be saved.

A. God desires to save us because of His love. (Ephesians 4)

B. God desires to save us in order that we might be trophies of God's grace. (Ephesians 2:7, 10)

C. God desires to be glorified because of the good works of the saved. (John 3:17, II Peter 3, I John 2)

D. Christ being the only one who was sinless was the only one who could be a substitute for our sins.

III. God desires that all men come to knowledge of the truth.

A. God wants us to come to knowledge of what happens to a person when he was saved. Only when a person responds personally to the truth of God will he be saved.

B. God wants a person to come to knowledge of his new identity in Christ.

1. He is a joint-heir with Christ.

2. He is a saint as part of the family of God. (Romans 8)

3. He is a new creation.

4. He is a follower of Christ.

5. He is given a new name—Christian—because of his new life.

C. God wants a person to know that he has access and authority in Christ.

D. God wants a person to know that he is sealed by the Spirit of God—eternal security.

E. God wants a person to know that he has the life of the living God living in him.

F. God wants a person to know that he is seated with Christ and complete in Him. (Ephesians 2)

G. God wants one to know what the believer's mission is—to show forth the life of Christ.

Application questions:

1. Why does God want to save us?

2. What is the role of knowledge in the life of the believer?

3. Which part of God's knowledge strikes you the most? Explain.
