



our purpose: as men we seek to stoke the fire of our **DESIRE** for Christ

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our text: *Living the Cross Centered Life* (C. J. Mahaney), p. 96-121

Q – former Muslim, Abdu Murray, in his book, *Grand Central Question*, says that before he converted to Christianity he struggled with idea of God suffering. D. A. Carson instructs that God does not merely know about suffering, but has “experienced” it. Does a suffering God limit him? How does his entering into our suffering confirm his greatness and goodness? (97)

Q – Augustus Toplady has an odd name, but he was a great hymn writer. What do you think of [this one](#) - “It Cleanseth Every Hour” - as it relates to the subtitle of Chapter Ten?

Q – According to Sinclair Ferguson where is the “spot” in which God has revealed our assurance of salvation? (106)

Q – We have a “constant tendency to stop remembering the cross and start depending on what and what? (107)

Q – The author recaps 3 main tendencies that draw us away for Gospel. What are these? In self condemnation we fail to focus on what? (111)

Q – Self-atonement is another term for _____ (113)

Q – What important contrasts do you see between justification and sanctification? (118)

Q – The Author crowns this chapter on legalism with a burst of emotion – “What joy the gospel gives me!” he says. What joys do you find in the Gospel? How does the lifeCORE motto offer a wonderful cure for legalism? (91)