**Holiness – Chapter 8 – Christ’s Greatest Trophy**

* Why does Ryle call the penitent thief “Christ’s Greatest Trophy”? What is so apparently difficult about saving the thief on the cross?
* What does the story of the penitent thief tell us about what is needed to be saved?
  + Thinking about how bad a person the thief was, and of God’s mercy in that , how does it affect our view of ourselves and our view of God?
* Have you thought much about the ‘other’ thief before? What do we learn from him?
  + How does this fit with the image of deathbed conversions that Ryle has presented in earlier chapters?
* What evidences of his salvation do we see in the final moments of the penitent thief? (pg197-202)
  + Do you think you see these evidences in your own life? In what ways?
* Do you think people today are more or less prepared to die than 150 years ago, when this book was written?
  + How do YOLO, and FOMO culture play into this?
* If someone asked you what was the best thing about heaven, how would you respond?
  + What is the response of the child on pg 204? How does this challenge you?
* To what kinds of people do you think this passage would be most comforting and challenging?
* What challenge do you take from the penitent thief’s religion?
* What comfort do you take from the penitent thief’s religion?