



## CHEERFUL GODLINESS

### “The Basis of Godliness” 2 Peter 1:1-4; Titus 1:1-4

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In these days of international and national uncertainty, people are praying earnestly for those who hold positions of power and responsibility in order that we might “live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” But what is godliness and what does it look like?

#### **I. Godliness Is Based on Knowledge of the Truth. Titus 1:1**

- A. God does not lie; that’s the truth!!
- B. God who does not lie made promises “before the beginning of time.”
- C. These promises have now been made public through apostolic preaching.
- D. They reveal the truth about eternal life and the “hope” it creates.
  - 1. Eternal life as a present possession. 1 John 5:11-13
  - 2. Eternal life as the ultimate condition. John 5:24
- E. Knowledge of this truth needs to be embraced by faith.
- F. This knowledge and faith lead to moral consequences: a life of godliness.
- G. Godliness, Gk. “eusebeia”, is an essentially practical outworking of a reverential appreciation of who God is and what He has done, characterized by a desire to please Him in all things.

#### **II. Everything We Need for Life and Godliness Is Provided. 2 Peter 1:3ff**

- A. We have everything we need through “the knowledge of Him.”
- B. We know Him because He “called us by His own glory and goodness.”
- C. We have received “very great and precious promises through which...”
  - 1. We “may participate in the divine nature” and...
  - 2. “Escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

#### **III. A Life of Godliness Gives Evidence of a Genuine Calling.**

- A. This will require continual “effort to add to your faith.”
- B. It will keep you from “being ineffective and unproductive.”
- C. It will keep you from falling.
- D. And you will “receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom.”
- E. Failure to produce such a life suggests we are “nearsighted and blind.”

**Point to Ponder:** Would “godly” be an adjective people use to describe me?