

GODLINESS II

II PETER 1:2

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

II PETER 1:3

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath **called us to glory and virtue:**

II PETER 1:4

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these **YE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

II PETER 1:5

5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

II PETER 1:6

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience **GODLINESS**;

II PETER 1:7

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

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THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_62-1014M

43-4 But if you've got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience. See, you're moving right on up the line. All right.

Fifthly, add godliness. Oh, my. Godliness to be added... What does godliness mean? I looked in four or five dictionaries and couldn't even find what it meant. Finally, I was down at Brother Jefferies there; we found it in the--in a dictionary. **"Godliness" means "to be like God."**

Oh, my. After you've got faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, then be like God. Whew. You say, "I can't do that, Brother Branham." Oh, yes you can. Let me just read you a few Scriptures here just a minute: Matthew 5:48. We'll take this one and see what it sounds like: Matthew 5:48, and see if you're supposed to be like God. You know the Bible says, "Ye are gods." Jesus said so. Why? All the virtue... All the things that's in God's in you. Matthew 5:48 "Be ye..." (Jesus speaking in the beatitudes) "Be ye therefore (p-e-r-f-e-c-t, what's that?) perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." You got way up here now 'fore you have to do that. All these things has to be added first. Then when you get up here, He's asked you now to be perfect, godliness, sons and daughters of God. That's right. How many things I could say along that line.

I TIMOTHY 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

II CORINTHIANS 1:12

12 ¶ For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and ***GODLY** sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

GODLY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2316

theos {theh'-os}

refers to the things of God; his counsels, interests, things due to him

whatever can in any respect be likened unto God, or resemble him in any way: God's representative or viceregent, of magistrates and judges

II CORINTHIANS 7:9

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a **GODLY** manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

II CORINTHIANS 7:10

10 For **GODLY** sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

II CORINTHIANS 7:11

11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a **GODLY** sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

II CORINTHIANS 11:2

2 For I am jealous over you with **GODLY** jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

I TIMOTHY 1:4

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than **GODLY** edifying which is in faith: so do.

II TIMOTHY 3:12

12 Yea, and all that will live ***GODLY** in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

GODLY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2153

eusebos {yoo-seb-oce'}

piously, godly

TITUS 2:12

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and **GODLY**, in this present world;

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eusebos {yoo-seb-oce'}

piously, godly

HEBREWS 12:28

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and ***GODLY** fear:

GODLY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2152

eusebes {yoo-seb-ace'}

devout, pious, dutiful

II PETER 2:9

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the **GODLY** out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

III JOHN 1:6

6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a ***GODLY** sort, thou shalt do well:

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DEUTERONOMY 4:31

31 **(For the LORD thy God is A MERCIFUL GOD;)** he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

MATTHEW 5:7

7 **Blessed are the merciful:** for they shall obtain mercy.

LUKE 6:36

36 **Be ye therefore merciful,** as your Father also is merciful.

I CORINTHIANS 1:9

9 **God is faithful,** by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

EPHESIANS 1:1

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, **and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:**

COLOSSIANS 1:2

2 **To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ** which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

REVELATION 17:14

14 ¶ These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: **and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

I JOHN 1:5

5 ¶ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, **that God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.

MATTHEW 5:14

14 **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

EPHESIANS 5:8

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, **but now are ye light in the Lord**: walk as children of light:

I JOHN 4:8

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; **for God is love.**

ROMANS 5:6

6 ¶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

ROMANS 5:7

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

ROMANS 5:8

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

THE.POSITION.OF.A.BELIEVER.IN.CHRIST_ PHOENIX.AZ
SUNDAY_ 55-0227A

E-33.....partakers of His Divine nature. You get it? Then you become a partaker, after coming into His body, **a partaker of His Divine nature: Christ's nature in you.** How can you cheat, steal, lie, backslide, proselyte, everything else with the Divine nature of Christ in you? **It's impossible.** Let that soak just a few minutes, 'cause it's right...?... If you be a partaker in Christ, then you become a new creature; old things have passed away, and all things have become new. All of our warrings, and fussings, and

stewings, and arguings, and tempers, and all these things pass away. You see it?.....

.....**But the fruit of the Spirit is first love, love Who? Then is when you love those who are unlovable.** That's the Spirit of Christ. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, there's the fruit of the Spirit.....

THE.SEAL.OF.THE.ANTICHRIST_ LA.CA FRIDAY_ 55-0311

E-76 **Love moved a mighty God. God so loved the world, the unlovable, till He come down, and made Hissself flesh here on earth,** and dwelt among men to be spit upon and mistreated, and--and be laughed at, and made fun of, and to redeem us back. What ought we to do tonight? Take our places by the side of the cross and say, "Here I stand, Lord Jesus, I come. I come, I wash all my sins away. Take my malice; take my difference away from me. **Let me love you, Lord, with a pure fervent love, that all these little old things will pass away.....**

GOD.MAKING.HIS.PROMISE_ BROOKLYN.NY SUNDAY_ 56-1209A

E-34.....God is a lover. God is love. God so loved the world when they were unlovable, that He gave His Son to make them lovable. And God... Here it is. God wants to come down and make love to you. **He's seeking, thirsting, hungering, trying to get to some of your starchy hearts to make love to you, as a love affair: not a law, but a love. It's all in love. God so loved.**

LIVING.DYING.BURIED.RISING.COMING_ LA.CA FRIDAY_ 59-0403

E-17.....My prayer is for the Church that we can have such love till **we'll love people whether they love us not.** That's what the Church needs today is to express a love, even to a man that could spit in your face, and you could still with, not from a hypocritical standpoint, but from your heart, pray for that man's soul.....

THE.UNCERTAIN.SOUND_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_ 61-0429E

E-11.....**If you can just love those who love you, why, the sinners do the same thing. But we're different.** When Christ has come into our heart, we love those who do not love us. **Love the unlovable.** And we were unlovable one time too, you know. And Christ loved us until we came to Him.

And then if we be of Christ and Christ is in us, we have that same Spirit of fellowship, and cooperation, and helping to try to move the great load, and make life a little easier for our fellow man.

A.THINKING.MAN'S.FILTER_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-0822E

198.....**can you also love the unlovable? That's the thinking man's Filter. That's the Spirit of Christ in you, loving those who don't love you, then you have the reward of God.** But, now, if you do it as a duty, you still haven't got the thinking man... You're only up in the second cycle. **But it's from your heart you really love him, then you're breathing through the thinking man's Filter.** And It satisfies a holy man's taste, that you know, from your heart you forgive everybody, everything, no matter what taken place. Isn't He wonderful?.....

THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0925

15-3.....Jesus never lived for Himself. His Life was spent for others. **That's perfectly Eternal Life.** When you say you go to church and you do good things, that's fine. **But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. Eternal life is living for others.**

It proved it when He come in the Lamb of God. He lived and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. He lived for others. **And you receive Eternal Life by receiving that day, and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others.**

THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0925

15-6 Someone said, "How can you stand and let anyone call you such bad names?" You don't live for yourself. **You live for**

others that you might redeem that man. You become sons. And the trouble of it is that the church has forgot they were sons. You are sons. **You're taking Christ's place. You are sons; so don't live for yourself; live for others.**

"Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother because he sure is a nice man." That's not it. **Live for that man who hates you. Live for that person who'd kill you if they could. That's what they done to Him.** They killed Him, and He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. When you--that's in your bosom, you're facing heaven then. **But you sacrifice your own things, give them up like the sheep gives its wool. You look on towards Calvary.**

THOU.KNOWEST.ALL.THINGS_ HAMMOND.IN WEDNESDAY_52-0716

E-28.....There isn't nothing else that you can do, only believe. And if you believe, then them little immoral things will just drop off, like that. **As you believe, you become love. And love is God.** And you begin to wind yourself into Christ. And these other things, you don't have to quit doing them; they just quit themselves. There's just no desire to do it. "The worshipper having purged, has no more conscience, or desire of sin.".....

LUKE 4:16

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, **as his custom was**, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

MATTHEW 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my ***CHURCH**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

CHURCH: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1577

ekklesia {ek-klay-see'-ah}

assembly, a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place; an assembly of the people convened at the public place of the council for the purpose of deliberating

HEBREWS 10:24

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

HEBREWS 10:25

25 Not ***FORSAKING** the ***ASSEMBLING** of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

FORSAKING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1459

egkataleipo {eng-kat-al-i'-po}

leave, abandon, desert, leave in straits, leave helpless, totally abandoned, utterly forsaken

ASSEMBLING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1997

episunagoge {ep-ee-soon-ag-o-gay'}

gathering together, assembling together, a gathering together in one place, the religious assembly of Christians

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0317E

116-1 {327} You love Him? Isn't He wonderful? Oh, what would we do without this? "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God shall man live." Oh, feed me, Lord, upon the Word. **"Forsaking not to assemble yourselves together as the manner of unbelievers and that much more as you see the day approaching.".....**

THE.SEAL.OF.THE.CHRIST_ LA.CA SATURDAY_ 55-0312

E-41.....And I said, "You get that bunch of lukewarm church members down to the altar and let them pray through, till the Holy Ghost sets their soul afire, there'll be no signing cards. **God's in their heart, God goes to church. He loves to worship. Amen.....**

WHAT.VISIONS.ARE_ SPINDALE.NC SATURDAY_ 56-0421

E-4 **We feel that every person is duty bound to attend some church and belong to some church as a Christian.**

Now, the Bi... Many people say, "Oh, I stay home and read my Bible. I'm just as well off."

No, the Bible said we shouldn't forsake to assemble ourselves together. We've got to do that; we've got to stand together, and all the churches.....

THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_ 60-0304

E-52.....**People say, "I can stay at home, be just as good a Christian as I can at church." You can't.**

The Bible said, "Not forsake our assemble ourselves together, and that much more as we see the time coming."

If you're a Christian, you long to go where other Christians are, and fellowship with other Christians. **So you cannot stay away from church and live the same life. You--you can't do it**, because it's like, "I--I--I--I'm hungry, but I'll never go to a table. I just... I'll never eat. I just--I ain't going to do it." See? You've got to go and feed on the Word of God, and fellowship one with another.

We need one amother--another more now than we ever did need each other, is now. When you get yourself singled out from the rest of them making yourself just a little different, you don't want to associate with them because they believe this, and don't want to associate with that, **you're getting on dangerous ground, right then, keeping away from church.** Find the one of your choice, and remain there, and be a Christian brother to all of them. That's the way to be a real Christian. **Then we've got fellowship, protection; people love you and pray for you.....**

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728

84 And now you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourself in the church of God, **how we got to come here together and sit together in Heavenly places.** Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for

them doors to open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. **If you don't, don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying.**

85 Cause, we're in the last days, where the Bible exalted... or exhorted us to--to, "Much more as we see that day approaching," **to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, "to assemble ourselves together in Heavenly places and--and--and Christ Jesus," and love one another.** "This will all man know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other." That's right. Stay right together.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E

1049-255 Now, a lot of times I speak of Calvinistic belief. Now, don't think that that lets you loose to do anything you want to. A fellow the other day... I said, "Did you go to church." He said, "I went hunting."

The man's wife come to me, and she was coming from the laundromat on Sunday. And I said, "Why didn't you go to church?"

She said, "I done my washing."

I said, "You shouldn't have done that."

"Well," she said, "I'm not an old legalist."

I said, "But I thought you were a Christian." See? I said, "Did you know you're putting a stumbling block in somebody's way." See? I said, "It..."

"Well, aw, I--I believe this. I don't have to do those things. I'm not a legalist."

Well, look my brother, sister, look here. Paul said, "If eating meat puts a stumbling block in my brother's way, I'll eat no more meat as long as the world stands." And I think it'd be a whole lot better...

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL
_ SHP.LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_ 65-1127B

332.....The handwriting's on the wall, the second Coming is at hand, the Bride is being chosen, watered, drawed out.

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL
_ SHP.LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_ 65-1127B

333 **Now, that don't mean drawn out from church,** that means drawn out from denominationalism. **YOU MUST GO TO CHURCH,** but don't join any organization. Jesus went with all the organizations, but He never joined a one of them.....

MODERN.EVENTS.ARE.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY_ SBD.CA V-7
N-6 MONDAY_ 65-1206

302 But let me tell you, I'm not trying to tell people to leave church or... **My, I want you to go to church, "Don't forsake to assemble yourself together."** But what I'm trying to tell you to do is press into the Kingdom of God.....

PROVERBS 6:16

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

PROVERBS 6:17

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

PROVERBS 6:18

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

PROVERBS 6:19

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

ZECHARIAH 8:17

17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

REVELATION 2:6

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

REVELATION 2:15

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

PALMERWORM.LOCUST.CANKERWORM.CATERPILLAR_
CONNERSVILLE.IN FRIDAY_ 53-0612

E-27.....Anything I despise, is a hypocrite. That's right. **And God hates the same thing.** It'd be better for an infidel, would have a better chance getting to heaven than the hypocrite. Now, you know that's the truth. An infidel's sincere heart and couldn't see it... I believe that's the truth.

THE.MIGHTY.CONQUEROR_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_ 58-0110

E-9.....We'll never conquer as long as we're selfish. **God hates sin.** And He will not let it triumph over wrong.

THE.EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFF.IN ROJC 131-183
MONDAY_ 60-1205

173.....They're selling your birthrights for a mess of pottage, for a mess of denomination, a mess of organization **that God hates.** Just remember, you say "organization?" **God hates it.** It's the thing that separated brothers, and broke down.....

THE.EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFF.IN ROJC 131-183
MONDAY_ 60-1205

208.....And they'll pay the priests, and he'll pray them out of hell, and everything like that. And it's a Nicolaitane. **God said, "I hate that."** Now, listen.

"Let me see, and you say, 'God said He hated it?'"

Now, let's see if He did.

But this thou has, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes which I also hate.

God hates an organization. That right? Now, you see exactly what they were going to do; you see what they did do. Now, watch down through the church if they don't do that. **He hates an organization.....**

229-2 THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK
CPT.6

.....I want you to know I am not, now, and never have been against the people. It is the denomination--the system of organization that I am against. **I have to be against it for God hates it.**

ALL.THINGS_ SHREVEPORT.LA SATURDAY_ 62-1124E

E-39.....**God hates a powerless religion.** And any religion today that hasn't got Christ in it, is powerless. But any religion that Christ in is under His own Blood, and it's got power in it. You say God hates a religion without power? He said, "Your solemn feasts is a stink." I guess He does hate it. He said, "It--it makes Me sick."

God hates powerless religion. It's got to have power in it. It's got to have sincerity. Sincerity brings power. Sincerity brings real worship, not forms, but genuine power worship to know that you've passed from death unto Life.

PARDON_ TUCSON.AZ MONDAY_ 63-1028

148 **God hates a powerless religion.** It's got to be power. Certainly. It's a power to save a man from sin. It's a power that can do signs and wonders and miracles as Jesus Christ promised.....

.....God don't like a powerless religion. God does not want that. **God wants to perform. God wants to show Himself alive.** Our very hopes is the resurrection. Is that right? Our hopes of life is resurrection, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.