

GODLINESS III

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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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.

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.**

I JOHN 3:16

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: **and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

I JOHN 4:7

7 ¶ ***BELOVED**, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is **BORN** of God, and **KNOWETH** God.

BELOVED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 27
agapetos {ag-ap-ay-tos'}
well beloved, dear, esteemed, favourite, worthy of love

I JOHN 4:8

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

I JOHN 4:9

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

I JOHN 4:10

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

I JOHN 4:11

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

I JOHN 4:12

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we ***LOVE** one another, God **dwelleth** in us, and his love is ***PERFECTED** in us.

LOVE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 26
agape {ag-ah'-pay}
Charity, affection, good will, love, benevolence
love feasts

PERFECTED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5048

teleioo {tel-i-o'-o}

make perfect, finish, fulfil, complete; to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end add what is yet wanting in order to render a thing full; to be found perfect, to accomplish, i.e. bring to a close or fulfilment by event: the prophecies of the scriptures

I JOHN 4:16

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love; and he that DWELLETH IN LOVE DWELLETH IN GOD, and God in him.**

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.**

PUTTING.ON.THE.WHOLE.ARMOR.OF.GOD_ S.PINES.NC
THURSDAY_ 62-0607

E-39.....Paul said over in Hebrews the 11th chapter, "They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; was destitute, and afflicted." Look at Elijah in his cave, and how that if we'd see him come to our door today, with beards all out on his face, and his bald head shining, a piece of sheepskin draped around him, we'd probably run him out of the yard, some of our intellectual brethren. That's right.

But you don't know what's beating beneath that little old skin there. **See? The Holy Spirit may be tabernacled there. See? You must never do that. We must be brothers; treat a man, no matter if he's in wrong, still treat him nice.** Be nice to him. If you haven't got that Spirit, then there's something wrong. Jesus was nice to those who were ugly to Him. See? You must be Christians, full of love, ready to help any race, color, creed, anywhere, any time. See? We must be that way. **That's Christians. That's the way Christ would have us. And to be a Christian is to be Christ-like.**

A.TESTIMONY.UPON.THE.SEA_ PORT.ALBERNI.BC THURSDAY_
62-0726

E-18.....And if there's anything that's a hindrance to Christianity today, is the way that professed Christians live: dishonest, dishonorable, and living any way. Don't do that. We are Christians.

Somebody's watching your life, correctly. Be honest. Let everybody know. Let your dealings be fair and square, and--and--and don't take nothing doesn't belong to you. Don't say nothing but what's the truth. And you can always tell the truth every time, and God will honor the truth. And always do what's right.

Treat everybody right. If they don't treat you right, you treat them right anyhow. See? Jesus treated us right when we didn't treat Him right. And His Spirit in us...

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.".....

ACTS 10:34

34 ¶ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**

JAMES 2:1

1 ¶ My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, **with respect of persons.**

JAMES 2:9

9 **But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin,** and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

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.....

THE.ARROW.OF.GOD'S.DELIVERANCE.SHOT.FROM.A.BOW_ SHREVEPORT.LA WEDNESDAY_ 56-0801

E-36.....Brother, when you've got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, it separates you. It delivers you from the things of the world. Amen. **It makes you love God. It makes you go to church. It makes you worship Him.** It makes you tell your neighbor about it. It makes you live above sin. Hallelujah.

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 another--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.....**

POSSESSING.ALL.THINGS_ JEFF.IN V-10 N-4 SUNDAY_ 62-0506

30 Our heavenly Father, Thou has chosen that we should gather together. **It's the will of God that we should assemble ourselves together as we see the day approaching, and that regularly,** Lord, to bring ourselves closer to You and closer to each other in a bond of fellowship, through the shed Blood of Jesus which makes it possible.....

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.

THE.TOKEN_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-6 THURSDAY_ 63-1128E
100.....we should love one another more than we ever did in all of our lives. **There should be such a hunger to get to church!** There should be such a hunger for us to get to one another! It should be a love affair.....

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.