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Message Topic: **The Progress of Grace in the Soul (5) - Godliness Part 1 (2 Peter 1:6)**

Scripture Text: 2 Peter 1: 1-11

1. Godliness is the inevitable result of true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the climax of all the graces preceding it ie. virtue, knowledge, temperance and patience.
2. The Bible tells us in 2 Tim 3:5 of those who profess a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. We must not live in word and tongue but in deed and truth. Living in union with Christ has the power to produce a godly life which is a life separated from the world. The Bible says godliness with contentment is great gain.
3. Godliness is a taste of heaven on earth. Godliness is love for God with all our heart (feelings), soul (thinking) and might (action). Godliness is vital in our relationship with God.
4. Godliness knows God is always right in His dealings with us though we may not fully understand everything that happens to us. Godliness believes and trusts God even though He may slay me.
5. After we are saved, we ought to ask "Lord, what will Thou have me to do?" This is true godliness that we seek to live a life sanctified and glorifying to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is not how long we live but how we live that really matters. May our lives count for the Lord living in true godliness.