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“Living Godly In Christ”

2 Timothy 3:12

THESIS: Believers require a fuller understanding of their New Spiritual Nature, as they are “born again through Christ Jesus” (John 3:1-7).

Introduction

Regeneration, or being born again, or becoming a New Spiritual Creation means in the sight of God you are viewed as though you have no sin. Through the reconciliation of Christ Jesus your sin(s) is/are purged (1 John 1:7). Everyone who accepts God’s Gift of Deliverance, referred to as God’s Grace, has access to God by Christ. The manner of life lived by the believer is to be one of Godliness. However, if you live a godly life, expect to suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:12).

“Godly” in the original Gk., denotes being pious and devote; and living a manner of life revealing reverence in conduct and actions.

Godliness is from the Gk. word “eusebeia”: it refers to that piety which characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to God (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of OT & NT Words). Moreover, under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit, the message of the apostle Paul to Timothy is of encouragement, enlightenment and empowerment. Timothy is warned of the time when so-called believers will reject and abandon God’s Holy Word. There is a period coming when there will be a massive falling away from adherence to the Holy Scripture (2 Tim. 3:1-17; 4:1-4). Without special care among true followers of Christ, which includes, but is not limited to Guidance of the Holy Spirit, the fundamental teachings of Truth found in Scripture, prayer, fasting, patience, the peace of God and joy, the result will be a fiasco of faith, catastrophic deception and learned ignorance from evil men and seducers, who will grow worst and worst, deceiving and being deceived (2 Tim. 3:13).

Good Counsel urges The Church (all believers in God The Father, God The Son and God The Holy Spirit) Created In Christ to resist lawlessness, looseness and laziness.

In the face of what appears to be a faint future, the Church of The Living God is required to maintain the Right Focus in all their earthly experiences. Inspired by the counsel offered in 2 Timothy, there are several items of Right Focus for the Church. These should receive immediate attention by the individual and corporate body of Christ.

- A. An Imperative Stand -1. On Faith; 2. On Grace; and 3. On The Rock
Ref. Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Eph. 2:1-10; Mt. 7:24-27; Eph. 6:10-20**

- B. Sanctification - 1. Through Truth/GOD’S WORD; 2. Through Hungering and Thirsting After Righteousness; and 3. Through The Holy Spirit
Ref. John 17:17; Mt. 5:6; Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; 6: 9-11; 1 Pet. 3:13-17**

- C. Suffering - Understand Suffering: 1. Test of Faith; 2. Test of “Follow-Ability”; and 3. Test of the Furnace
Ref. Jam. 1:2-8; Mt. 16:24; Mk. 10:35-40; Job 1 & 2; Dan 3:19 - 28; 1 Cor. 10:11-13**

- D. The Salvation of God - Deliverance, Freedom, Preservation, Safety
1. From Sin & Darkness; 2. From Shadows of Doubt; and 3. From Sinister Danger
Ref. Exodus 14:13-14; Acts 4:12; Ps. 27:1; Titus 2:11-14**

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