



Thankful Godliness

Titus 1:1-4

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1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— 2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, 3 and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

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4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Who is Titus?

- Greek Christian; Paul takes to Jerusalem Council as "trophy of grace"
- Sent to Corinth.
- Stationed in Crete to pastor a tough church in a tough environment.

Big idea from Paul to Titus:

- Jesus is our Master with grace that saves and leads us into total life transformation.

Most of us would like to skip to the grace and peace of v. 4

Context is king- what is Paul saying in this intro passage?

God's elect people are to further their faith by pursuing daily godliness and sharing the gospel, enabled by the power of God.

....then peace!

This is the biblical pattern- changed by grace, laying all aside to serve the Lord, then peace.

"The good life of comfort, satisfaction, contentment and joy...is found on the other side of sacrifice and surrender." Tripp

We must start with our position as a loving servant- then peace.

The only way we are God's servants is because of God's grace.

Have you started with this grace: "YOUR NAME, the slave of God"?

Peace comes from properly aligning yourself as a loving Servant of God through Jesus as Savior.

A bond-servant- set free who chooses to serve the master.  
God's peace flows when I am not fighting him for rulership in my life. (Ex. 21:5-6)

v.2- We promised eternal life.  
Not a continuation of this existence.  
We don't get what we deserve.  
We do get life in our souls, heaven, God.  
Promised in a way that has been purchased in full and cannot be broken.  
So we can trust it and live for godliness.

All of this is so we can live in godliness daily; transformed in our total life; people pursuing Christ's character in us.

Are you a godly person?

Rank your godliness on a scale of 1-10.

What is your 5 year plan to work toward personal godliness?

What if godliness is as simple as, "I choose Jesus".

Making daily, breath by breath decision, no matter what- "I choose Jesus".

Debbie St. John:

"Every day, I want to live a life worthy of the gift he gave me".

"I want to live from a place of gratitude- every day is a gift".

"I just want to make him proud".

Christianity isn't about some random man saving you from a physical disaster.

Christianity is the lovely, perfect, beautiful Son of God coming on purpose to:

Save you the death and destruction you deserve.

Take God's judgment that should be yours onto himself.

To breathe life into your dead soul.

God has elected you, chosen you, rescued you to be reborn and to follow in faith every day.

He has equipped you to be godly - to choose him.

We must say, "I choose to be his servant, I choose Jesus today- thank you God!"

Peace, eternal life, godliness isn't yours until you say YES to Jesus' work on the cross and in the resurrection.

Christians must daily choose Jesus in godliness and to preach the gospel.

Jesus dies and rose to make you godly; the Spirit is changing you daily into godliness.

Will you choose Jesus as often as you can?

Thank you for one more day- I choose Jesus!

