

## Godliness Under Grace

*“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world...” – Titus 2:11-12*

- The grace of God has appeared to all men
  - Grace salvation is revealed in a mystery (**Eph 3:1-10; Eph 6:19**)
  - Works of righteousness will not save you (**Eph 2:8-9; Tit 3:3-7**)
  - Justification comes freely by God’s grace (**Rom 3:23-24**)
  - The cross is where the gospel of our salvation is (**1 Cor 15:1-4; Gal 6:14**)
    - Righteousness does not come by the law (**Rom 3:21**)
    - Grace teaches you that you are no longer under the law (**Rom 6:14**)
    - Righteousness comes through Jesus Christ (**1 Cor 1:29-30**)
    - You are crucified with Christ (**Gal 2:20-21**)
- Godliness in a mystery
  - Knowing these things, how are we supposed to understand godliness?
  - Israel had the law in time past and tried to achieve godliness through the flesh.
    - The lesson of the law -> (**Gal 3:24**)
  - Godliness = Devotion to the things of God, pursuing God above all things, conforming your thoughts and actions to the wisdom and will of God
  - There is a mystery of Godliness that has been revealed (**1 Tim 3:15-16**)
    - Godliness does not come from you, it comes from Christ!
      - Godliness is understood by faith (**2 Cor 5:7**)
      - Faith = the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1)

- Godliness can only be correctly understood through right division
  - Understanding the mystery of Christ unlocks your understanding of true godliness
  - Your position and identity in Christ should be your understanding of where godliness comes from
- What makes you devoted to God?
  - The love of Christ constrains you (**2 Cor 5:14**)
  - In the Spirit you are made a servant of righteousness (**Rom 6:15-18**)
  - You need to be in subjection to the will of God (**1 Tim 2:4; 1 Th 4:3-4**)
- Exercising unto Godliness
  - God has created things for good; Godliness found in Christ exercises you to that which is good and right (**1 Tim 4:1-8**)
  - Understanding the importance of godliness requires an orientation towards purity (**Tit 1:10-15**)
  - impure doctrine reaps ungodliness (**2 Tim 2:15-18; 1 Cor 15:33**)
  - Honoring God & others for the sake of the doctrine is done in godliness (**1 Tim 6:1-2**)
  - Being content in Christ is done in godliness (**1 Tim 6:3-10**)
  - Godliness teaches you to lay hold on to eternal life (**1 Tim 6:11-21**)
    - Our life is hid with God in Christ (**Col 3:1-4**)
  - Godliness under grace makes you a peculiar people (**Tit 2:11-14**)
  - Godliness under grace means that when you fail, you still stand complete in Christ (**Col 2:10**)
  - Let no one take away the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus (**2 Cor 11:2-3**)