

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Sunday Morning and Evening Services  
Theme : Being Enriched in Everything to All Bountifulness  
Venue : Lighthouse BBC Tatalon  
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**TITLE : ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS**  
Text/s :

2 Peter 1:2-11

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,  
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:  
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.  
5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;  
6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;  
7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.  
8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.  
10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:  
11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
KJV

Bible Reading :  
Matt 6:19-34

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:  
20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:  
21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.  
23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!  
24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.  
25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?  
26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?  
27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?  
28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:  
29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.  
30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?  
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?  
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.  
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.  
KJV

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.  
KJV

Song/s :

My Saviour's Love  
Higher Ground  
The Solid Rock  
The Lighthouse  
Surely Goodness and Mercy  
Springs of Living Water

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

Today I speak about the All things that Pertain to Life and Godliness which the Bible says that God, by His Divine power had already given to us. All things that pertain means - all things necessary, or all thing that are requisite and are suited to life and godliness.

2 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:

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2 Peter 1:3

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

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2 Peter 1:3

3 Because by his power he has given us everything necessary for life and righteousness, through the knowledge of him who has been our guide by his glory and virtue;

BBE

What do we possess and value in life? On this question lies the whole appreciation of this truth.

The things that we value in life defines our appreciation of this truth. And fundamentally we all do not have the appreciation of the things of God! That is why He needed to act according to His power for us to appreciate!

1 Cor 2:14

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

KJV

We were so dead (separated) we could not have any that pertain to the valuable things.

We were so far, so sinful

Eph 2:1-10

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;  
2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:  
3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.  
4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,  
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)  
6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:  
7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.  
8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:  
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.  
10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.  
KJV

**A) God acted in His power to give these things to us.**

- 1) **He acted in His power when He gave to us His Son... When Christ laid down His life and when He rose again. When He did, He gave us redemption.**

John 10:14-18

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.  
15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.  
16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.  
17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.  
18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.  
KJV

Rom 1:4

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:  
KJV

Phil 3:10

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;  
KJV

- 2) **He acted in power when He brought to us the Gospel. When He did He gave us the Hope of Glory.**

**a) When He chose the ones who brought us the Word of the Gospel**

Eph 3:7-8

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.  
8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;  
KJV

**b) When the Gospel reached us**

1 Thess 1:5

5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

KJV

**3) He acted in power when He saved us. He gave us Salvation.**

Rom 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

KJV

1 Cor 1:18

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

KJV

1 Cor 1:24

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

KJV

1 Cor 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

KJV

**4) He acted in power when He took our sins away. He gave us Freedom from sin.**

Heb 1:3

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

KJV

**5) He acted in Power to keep us. He gave us Eternal Security.**

1 Peter 1:5

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

KJV

**6) He acted in Power when He made us to be His people. He gave us Goodness and Grace.**

Eph 3:20-21

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

KJV

**7) He acted in Power when He equipped us to live for Him. He gave Victory.**

2 Cor 13:4-5

4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.  
5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?  
KJV

Eph 1:18-21

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,  
19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,  
20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,  
21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:  
KJV

**8) He acted in Power when He made us to be conformed to Him. He gave us His Glory.**

Phil 3:10

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;  
KJV

## **B) All these for Life and Godliness**

### **1) Life - This is Life in Him**

This is not merely possessing Eternal life. This is his life in us and we in Him.

John 15:4-5

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.  
5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.  
KJV

Rom 5:21

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.  
KJV

Rom 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
KJV

1 John 1:2

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)  
KJV

1 John 5:11-13

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  
12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.  
13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.  
KJV

1 John 5:20

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

KJV

- a) Having Eternal Life is not merely a “possession of eternal life” as some tend to think.
- b) Having Eternal Life is not a “branding of a kind of people.”
- c) Having Eternal Life is not having a belief system.
- d) Having Eternal Life is not “adopting a program of schedules and activities
- e) Having Eternal Life is Having Him and Having Us. It is being in one with Him.

## 2) **Godliness - This is the power in this life.**

2 Tim 3:5

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

KJV

Titus 1:16

16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

KJV

1 Tim 6:3-6

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

KJV

Titus 2:11-15

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

KJV

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We are a church that is first Biblical. Our truth is found in the Word of God. Because of this, we do not based our being true on what others possess. We are not held by norms, schedules, programs

Yes, we have activities - but they are activities drawn from virtues in our lives.

When others talk about services, small groups, evangelism, soul-winning, Bible studies, discipleships, house-to-house, visitation, praise and worship... we're not. While we have them, our roots go deeper than these.

Think about this: Those who talk about Bible studies, small groups, Sunday School, discipleships - are practically just led by modules, powerpoints, manuals done by leaders.

They can't even come together outside of these schedules and groups. They can't be counted on to do counseling in crusades, festivals and celebrations. They can't be counted on to extend themselves as people of God to government, institutions, business endeavors, etc. They can't be organized to do beyond themselves, outside of their businesses. Many of them, if they try to join these things, they do these things so that they can be "blessed", be fortunate and get materially richer. They cannot do ministry to the community if they are not supported by politicians, businessmen, etc.

If they are, at all, present in these things, they are by themselves, personal "leaders", without their own "disciples" and even members of churches.

These are forms of godliness but without power!

Worst, many, even pastors join networking, quick money scams, deputations in the US, call for support even from businessmen/politicians to help them as people of God!

So there is no use to cite what they have nor compare us with them. None other than the admonitions of the Apostles Paul, Peter and John are what we need to enrich us as His Ekklesia.

But we're not saying we're better.

## **BODY**

We are a church so there can be Godliness in us.

### **A) Godliness**

2 Peter 1:3 (KJV) 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:

Virtues that come by Godliness is what is empty in many lives, churches, believers.

Many are simply in a box of forms

2 Timothy 3:5 (KJV) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

1 Timothy 4:1, 8-15 (KJV)

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

## B) Virtuous Stewardship

### 1) Faith produces Works

Titus 3:8 (KJV) This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

James 2:14, 17-18, 20, 22, 24, 26 (KJV)

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Hebrews 6:1-2, 9-12 (KJV)

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

### 2) Grace produces Virtues (through Diligence)

Proverbs 4:23 (KJV) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

2 Peter 1:5-7 (KJV)

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2 Corinthians 8:7 (KJV) Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

Philippians 4:8-9 (KJV)

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

2 Peter 1:10 (KJV) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2 Peter 3:12-16, 18 (KJV)

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

### 3) Mercy produces Ministry

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 (KJV)

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

### 4) Patience produces Relationship

2 Peter 1:6-7 (KJV)

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

James 1:3-4 (KJV)

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Was it not that the Lord prayed that His disciples be one? The key to this is patience.

## CONCLUSION

### Notes...

- a. Reasons why we are church
- b. Set plans for Stewardship Emphasis Month (July)
  - i. Wisdom of Stewards
  - ii. Faithfulness of Stewards  
1 Corinthians 4:2 (KJV) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
  - iii. Occupancy of Stewards  
Luke 19:13 (KJV) And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
  - iv. Accountability of Stewards  
1 Corinthians 4:1 (KJV) Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

- v. Goodness of Stewards
  - 1 Peter 4:10 (KJV) As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- c. Levels of Stewards
  - i. Wise Stewards
  - ii. Faithful Stewards
  - iii. Good Stewards
  - iv.