

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: The Effective Life

Week 7: Adding Godliness

2 Peter 1:6

Growing in God's holiness is a lifelong endeavor. **2 CORINTHIANS 7:1.**

- **What is godliness?** Godliness is simply becoming more like God every day, it's you becoming more like Christ all the time.

The essence of the Christian life is to increasingly resemble Christ.

But how exactly do we do that? 1 Peter is all about responding to circumstances as Christ did.

1 Peter 2:9-12.

Identity: Godliness only begins when you truly meet God Himself through Jesus Christ. Peter discusses godliness reminding us of who we are in Christ and he zeroes in on 3 specific things.

- **You are God's possession. 1 Peter 2:9**

To add godliness, remember to Whom you belong!

- **You are God's pilgrim. Psalm 84:5; 1 Peter 1:1; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 Peter 2:11**

One of the signs of godliness is increasingly wanting to be where Jesus is.

- **You are God's platform. 1 Peter 2:9, 12**

You are the platform from which God proclaims His message to the world.

To grow in godliness, we have to work hard to maintain our own honorable conduct.

It's not enough to examine our God given identity; we must also express it. Here are 3 ways to do that.

- **Godliness is about ownership—Live like you belong.**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 1:6-7; Romans 14:8

- **Godliness is about citizenship—Keep your eyes on heaven.**

Colossians 3:2; 2 Peter 3:10-11; 2 Peter 3:13-14

You become like the place you're most wanting to go to and the person you're most wanting to see.

- **Godliness is about stewardship—Carry out your assignment. 2 Corinthians 5:20.**