Church Sub Theme for 2019-22: "What's The Church Supposed To Be Like?!" (Problems in the Church)

Sunday, February 19, 2023

## **Sermon Outline**

- II. GOD WANTS US TO IMITATE HIM IN OUR LIVES, Eph. 5:1; Cf. 1 Pet. 1:15, 16
  - A. The Idea Of Us **<u>Practicing</u>** A Life Of Sin Is Far From God's Will For His People.
  - B. Such <u>Practicing</u> Of Sinful Living Clearly Raises The Question Of The Genuineness Of One's Profession Of Faith In Christ.
- III. GOD WANTS US TO MAKE GODLINESS THE PRIORITY OF OUR LIVES, 1 Tim. 4:7, 8
  - A. We Must Discipline Ourselves For The Purpose Of Godliness, v-7b; Cf.
  - B. Bodily Discipline Is Only Of Little Profit, v-8a
  - C. Godliness Is Profitable For All Things, v-8b
    - 1. In the present life now -for God's approval now, as a useful vessel in fellowship with Him
    - 2. For God's Reward In The Kingdom And Eternity
- IV. GODLINESS IS A MEANS OF GREAT SPIRITUAL GAIN
  - A. False Teachers Think That Fake Godliness Is A Means For gaining Money, 1 Tim. 6:5; 1Cor 9:14

- B. Real Godliness When Accompanied By Contentment Produces Great Spiritual Gain In Us, 1 Tim. 6:6
- V. GOD'S TRUTH PRODUCES GODLINESS IN US, Tit. 1:1, --Sound Doctrine. Cf. 2 Tim. 4:2-4
- VI. PETER JOINS PAUL IN GIVING US A FULL PICTURE OF REAL GODLINESS
  - A. God Has Granted Us Everything We Need For Christian Living And Godliness, 2 Pet. 1:3
  - B. Godliness Is To Be Part Of Our Growth Process, 2 Pet. 1:5,6
  - C. Godliness Is To Be Seen In Our Relationship With Other Believers, 2 Pet. 1:7
  - D. God's Plan To Make A Final End Of All Sin Ought To Affect How We Live Now, 2 Pet. 3:9-11