



SERMON NOTES

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“Growing in Godly Character”

2 Peter 1:5-11, Colossians 3:12-14, Romans 5:1-4

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-11 (NIV)

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:1-4 (NIV)

Church Renewal: Growing in Godly Character

Definitions:

Renewal

Freedom

Character

Why develop Godly Character?

■ Freedom & Victory

Qualify for ministry & fruitfulness

Prayers are affected

- 1 Peter 3:7
- James 4:2-3

Victory over the devil & demons

- Eph. 4:26-27
- Eph. 6:14

■ Bear God's image

Effective using spiritual gifts
1 Cor. 13:1-3

Others will see God through us

■ Warnings:

Don't confuse intellectual growth & growth in character

Don't confuse feeling emotions & growing in character

Don't confuse power of spiritual gifts & growing in character

Don't confuse personality traits & growing in character

How do we develop Godly Character?

Become more aware of your own character

Get ministry & prayer

Learn a new pattern