THE YEAR OF INTEGRITY

BULLETIN

VOL. 62 | 11 APRIL 2021





FOUNDING PASTOR

Rev Niko Njotoraharjo

SENIOR PASTOR

Ps Djohan Handojo

PASTOR

Ps Daniel Prajogo

Associate Pastor

Ps Unggul Santika Ps Iwan Adinugroho

Prophetic, Praise & Worship Pastor

Ps Hemah Demak Panjaitan Ps Suzana Tahir

Next Generation Pastor

Ps Rudy Nurtanaya

Teaching Pastor

Ps Daniel Hardjosuwito

Mission & Evangelism Pastor

Ps Gideon Gunawan

Pastoral Care

Ps Lily Karto

Office Manager

Ps Suzana Tahir



COOL LIST

MAIN

Canaan - Kezia, Freddie Ephratah — Steven, Henry Berea - Bethesda — Romy Bethlehem — Felix, Fransisca Jordan - Sony, Wilfred Horeb - Ferry, Febria Bethany — Paulus, Erina Bethel - Adel, Patricia Cana — Bobby Philadelphia - Pniel — Dwi, Vero Moriah — Elve, Calista Ephraim — Sonia, Kendrew Ekklesia - Edo, Ica Emmaus — Fabian, Priska Galilee - Kevin Y, Corine Gennesaret — Reinetta, Albert Gilgal - Carmel — Erika, Mike Hebron - Philippi — Yoseph, Rian Zion — Monica, Raymond

Eden — Jennifer

FAMILY

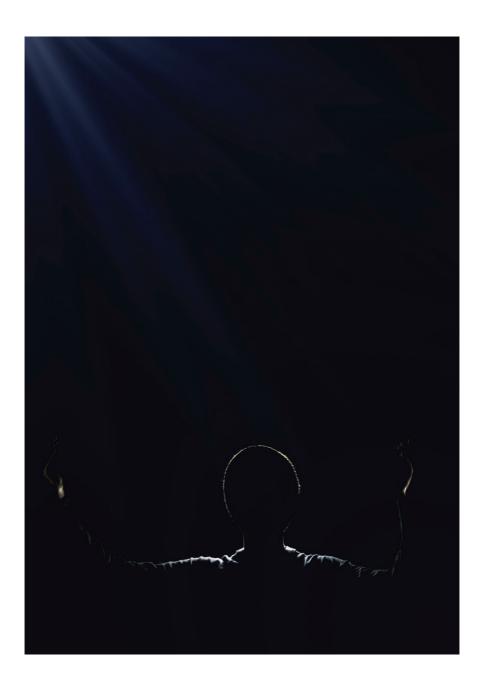
Antioch — Andy, Iwan
Tiberias — Andre, Albert
Gethsemane — Michael, Rudy
Jerusalem — Hestu
Mt Hermon — Lily, Unggul
Phillipi — Hariyanto, Ivan
Shekinah — Alice
Tabernacle — Sandi
Westal — Michael

180

Macedonia — Eric, Alicia Shiloh — Daniel, Clarissa

NEXT GEN

Judea — Valentina, Sylvio Judah — Aldo, Kezia M. Israel — Catherine, Jerry Jeremiah — Sinta, Kevin W. Heaven — Pauline



Godly vs Religious

By Natalia Wijaya

One can be a zealous church worker, a talented Christian leader, a diligent parent, leading COOL or preaching sermons, but none of these things matter if, at the same time, he or she is not a godly person. This person may be called a religious person, but perhaps not equally as a godly person. What is the difference between the two? What does it mean to be a godly person?

I personally think being "religious" and "godly" is different, regardless if you look in the dictionary those two words are closely related. One can be a religious person but not godly (merely doing activities seen from the outside but his or her heart is not attached with the Lord), whilst a godly person by nature is also a religious person (voluntarily doing the good works and the rituals as fruits of his or her faith). To be godly means we reflect the characters of God, just like the original design God created

us before sin entered (Genesis 1:27).

There is one godly man among many in the Bible and his name is Enoch. In a short three-verse summary of his life in Genesis 5:21-24, he was described as one who "walked with God". In Hebrew 11, his name is also mentioned as "one who pleased God" (verse 5). Truly there is no higher compliment to a Christian other than to be referred as such!

Enoch's life must be centered in God and he enjoyed his relationship with Him, he is devoted towards God. Devotion always results in action, not merely an emotional feeling about God. Devotion is also more than just our private time reading the Bible and praying (which we call the practice as 'devotions'). It is more towards our attitude; the way we fear Him, love Him, desire Him.

All of these are what make being

religious and godly different. We may be busy with God's works, but are devoted to the ministry and not to the Lord Himself.

Godliness is crucial in our spiritual growth. Peter mentioned in 2 Peter 1 for us to supplement our faith with many virtues and one of them is godliness (verse 6). "The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (verse 8).

The "secret" that enables us to do so is the key words in the beginning of verse 5, "for this very reason". What is "this reason"? The previous verse apparently explained to us that God's promise enables us to share His divine nature.

My pastor gave a good illustration regarding this, that "an eagle learns to fly not in order to become an eagle. But because it is a bird, and by nature birds can fly!". When we receive salvation in Christ, our corrupted

nature has died! To be godly and to live like Christ is now our new nature!

I find this is a liberating truth!

Netflix. Korean dramas. worldly entertainment, music. magazines, social media are not necessarily "bad things". Yet when our life is filled with these things more than God's own words, thoughts about Him, time to seek and be in fellowship with Him, how could we expect to be a godly person? First of all, they rarely or almost never discuss and mention about the Lord Himself! They offer a worldview without God in it!

John Piper explained it very well in his interview "What Do My Entertainment Habits Reveal About My Soul?":

"Or to say it with more precision: He's not presented at all. It's an absolute void. I used to say, back when people read newspapers, that you opened the Star Tribune and you go page, page, page, page, page, page, page. Here's a whole

section on business, here's a section on leisure, here's a section on travel, here's a section on sports — a whole section on sports — zero sections on God, not one paragraph on God. I mean, the most important reality in the universe gets zero attention in the newspaper. The same would be true of most movies... If He does get presented, He's presented in a way that does not inflame our love for Him, but questions His reality and His use".

Yes, I believe godliness is the work of the Holy Spirit in us, it is not by our own will power. Yet I also believe that humans are creatures of habit. The more we make the practice of godliness (walking with God, be in close communion with Him each day) our habit of life, the more we reflect His characters and draw closer towards Him, and not to the world.

Paul advised Timothy the same advice we need to follow, "But you, man of God, .. pursue godliness..." (1 Timothy 6:11). The word "pursue" indicating unrelenting, persevering effort. It is not something to be achieved in just days, or even months and years. It requires our lifetime perseverance and commitment, just like a marathon runner aiming for the reward!

Good news is we don't need any special talent or equipment! God has given to each one of us "everything we need for life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3), what a wonderful news! As I read the following sentence from Bible.org, "The most ordinary Christian has all that he needs, and the most talented Christian use same means in practice of godliness".

We have had it all; we have what we need to be a godly man and woman. Let's make growing in godliness our goal every day!



MINISTRY LIST

Vocal — Jessica Sutiono

Musician — Raynaldo Ali

Multimedia — Budi Sendjaja

Lighting — Budi Sendjaja

Sound — Steven Santika

Usher — Elbert Pranoto

Translator — Elbert Pranoto

Caring — Felix Hariyadi

Dancer — Priska Sunaryo

Drama — Jennifer Chandra

Sunday School — Reinetta Tanujaya

Hospitality — Tasmin Ifah

Intercessor — Monica Haryanto

Mission — Felix Chietra

Media Art — Sonia Pranatha

Community Kitchen — Yolanda Tjong

Cultivated Podcast — Ravello Satria

Youth — Rio Susanto

