

Christian Living: Grace & Godliness

Grace is the impetus for godliness.

Godliness requires training and effort.

Effort is not a four-letter word in our faith.

"The New Testament calls upon us to take action; it does not tell us that the work of sanctification is going to be done for us...We are in the 'good fight of faith', and we have to do the fighting. But, thank God, we are enabled to do it; for the moment we believe, and are justified by faith, and are born again of the Spirit of God, we have the ability. So the New Testament method of sanctification is to remind us of that; and having reminded us of it, it says, 'Now then, go and do it.'" - Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Godliness grows as our heavenly anticipation grows.

Christ saved us not only from sin but to godliness.

"He who supposes that Jesus Christ only lived and died and rose again in order to provide justification and forgiveness of sins for His people has yet much to learn. Whether he knows it or not, he is dishonoring our blessed Lord, and making Him only a half Savior. The Lord Jesus has undertaken everything that He people's souls require; not only to deliver them from the guilt of their sins by His atoning death, but from the dominion of their sin, by placing in their hearts the Holy Spirit; not only to justify them, but also to sanctify them." - J.C. Ryle

Other Scripture

Titus 2:11-14; John 1:16