

**Subject: Chapel Service**

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**Theme: Godliness: Covenant Gateway to Greatness**

It is important for anything that lives to grow, and the proof of existence of life is in strategic growth at every given point in time. Growth is a cardinal factor in measuring the availability of life in a thing. Also, it is expected that everything that lives must grow to validate the existence of life, and as a result one can say that greatness is a function of growth (1 Timothy 6 vs. 6).

Godliness is simply possessing the fear of the Lord. When your life is governed by the fear of the Lord, the only thing permitted is blessings and greatness. The very nature of Christ Jesus in man makes him a candidate for greatness (John 17 vs. 18). The genes of Christ in the redeemed qualifies him to dominate every situation and circumstances (Genesis 12 vs. 1 – 2; Galatians 3 vs. 13 - 14).

While it is true that the believer has a heritage of greatness through redemption, however, it takes the fear of God to arrive at this greatness. The fear of God is the believer's signature that allows man to access his inheritance of greatness in Christ (Job 1 vs. 1 - 4). It is the revelation of the word that empowers one to press on to the point of greatness.

### **FORCES OF UNGODLINESS**

- ❖ Unclean spirit has the capacity to rob a man of the covenant of greatness in God (Matthew 10 vs. 1). It is the operation of unclean spirit that makes a man to be dead though alive (Mark 5 vs. 1 - 4).
- ❖ The spirit of bondage makes one to continue in acts that keep one in captivity (Luke 13 vs. 16; Romans 8 vs. 15).

### **HOW TO OVERCOME THE FORCES OF UNGODLINESS?**

- By engaging the ministry of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3 vs. 11 - 12). Being filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues is key to overcoming ungodliness.
- By doing away with every form of ungodly acts, as they tend to rob man of the best God has in store for him (Colossians 3 vs. 8).
- By mortifying the deeds of the flesh so as not to be robbed of our inheritance in Christ (Colossians 3 vs. 5).

### **BENEFITS OF GODLINESS**

- Godliness brings divine favour (Psalm 5 vs. 12).
- It empowers for exploits. That is, getting results that are extraordinary (Genesis 39 vs. 9).