

## Sunday Service: A Form of Godliness

13.7.14

### The Word:

Paul spoke of perilous times in the last days, and gave warning to Timothy and the church today. **Perilous**- full of grave risk.

- Paul spoke of a people having a form of godliness who are actually strangers to the power of God.
  - Religion isn't a bad thing but with it can come routine, tradition and things that can substitute the real thing- a living relationship with The Lord Jesus Christ. He has come that we may have life to the full.
  - We were never destined to a form of godliness, we were destined to rule and reign, God has given us dominion on the earth.
  - We need to be stirred under the power of God, this is what breaks the yokes. A form of godliness isn't going to break anything.
  - Paul spoke of the things that will operate against the power of God working in our lives- firstly, people will be lovers of themselves.
- Narcissism**- "an inordinate fascination with oneself."
- In the world, narcissism is paraded as freedom. Real freedom is coming to a dynamic powerful relationship with Jesus, there is no substitute. Our lives should be hidden in Christ.
  - What can start with fire can settle into a form of godliness - going through the motions without the power of God.
  - It's the power of God in us that becomes the witness within us to a lost and broken world.
  - Another thing that operates against the power of God is people being lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. This is prioritising leisure over God's will.
  - A form of godliness looks good on the outside, it is proud, it still desires to fit in with the world, and has a public but not private relationship with God.
  - God wants us to come to Him privately and have a real intimate relationship with him, this is where the power comes from.
  - We should have in a greater measure and capacity, the power of God in our lives!

### Key Scriptures

- 2 Tim 3:1-5 "...Having a form of godliness but denying it's power.."
- Jeremiah 51:20
- Acts 3:2-6

### Notes for the CG meeting:

### Notices:

- **Prayer service:** Every Sunday morning from 9-10am
- **Women's Conference:** Coming up on the 2nd of August-don't miss it!
- **31 Girl:** 16th of August, for young ladies 15 and up