

## GOD MADE US TO BE LIKE HIM - GODLINESS

### Introduction

- A. Text: **Tit. 2:11-14.**
- B. When God made us "in His image" (Gen. 1:26,27), He had in mind creatures who would be "like" Him.
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- D. C. By our sinful rebellion, however, we have become very unlike Him.
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- F. D. In His Son, Jesus Christ, God has made it possible for the damage to be repaired.
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- H. E. To be a Christian means to have submitted to the beginnings of this process.
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- J. F. In Christ, we are learning how to be what we were created to be: personal creatures who live in "godliness" or "god-like-ness."
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- M. I. WHAT DOES "BEING LIKE GOD" MEAN?
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- O. A. It is first a matter of character . . . and then a matter of conduct.
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- Q. 1. Acting in a godly way (conduct) is essential, but it must come from a godly heart (character).
- R. 2. Consider how many Bible passages make this point: Mt. 23:23-28; Phil. 4:8; 2 Pt. 1:5-11; etc.
- S. 3. Godliness, then, means that we are like Him on the inside, i.e. that we "think like God" and have an inner nature that is like His - Rom. 12:1,2; 2 Pt. 1:2-4.
- T.
- U. B. But in practical terms, what does it mean to learn to "think like God"? It means we learn to share:
- V.
- W. 1. His knowledge, wisdom.
- X. 2. His perspective, viewpoint.
- Y. 3. His values.
- Z. 4. His judgment, discernment, discrimination, difference-making.