

2 Peter 1:7

by John Gill

Godliness and brotherly kindness are essential virtues that demonstrate the truth and power of real godliness and maintain peace, profit, and honor in Christian society.

Scripture: John 13:34-35, Romans 13:10, 1 Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:14, Hebrews 13:1, 1 Peter 1:22, 2 Peter 1:7, 1 John 4:20-21

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Description

John Gill emphasizes the significance of brotherly kindness as an essential aspect of godliness, asserting that without it, external worship and religious profession are meaningless. He explains that brotherly kindness is a reflection of true regeneration and is vital for maintaining peace and honor within Christian communities. Furthermore, Gill highlights that charity, or love, extends beyond just fellow believers to encompass all people, including enemies, and is paramount in the Christian faith. He concludes that while faith initiates the journey, love is the ultimate expression of a believer's life.

Transcript

Ver. 7 And to godliness, brotherly kindness,.... Without which, godliness, or external worship, or a profession of religion, is a vain show; for this is both the evidence of regeneration, and of the truth and power of real godliness; and also the beauty, comfort, and security of Christian society and worship, and without which they cannot be maintained with peace, profit, and honour:

and to brotherly kindness, charity: or "love"; that is, to all men, enemies, as well as to the household of faith; and to God and Christ, to his house, worship, ordinances, people and truths. Charity is more extensive in its objects and acts than brotherly kindness or love. As faith leads the van, charity brings up the rear, and is the greatest of all.

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