

II Peter

(2) Precious Promises

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4, NIV

The promise of being like Him...1:3-5

What has ‘*His divine power...*’ given to us (believers)? 1:3; Rom.8:32

Everything we need for life and godliness! It’s by our knowledge of Him who called us.

And now, *through His own glory and goodness*, what has He given us? 1:4a; Heb.9:15

He has given us His very great and precious promises. And what promises they are!!

He has granted these promises so that through them we may...what? 1:4b; IJn.3:2

We may participate in (become partakers of) the divine nature! For sure includes LIFE!

What is further implied by ‘*participate in the divine nature*’? see Gal.2:15; Rom.2:14

It is doing things, behavior, just the way we are. But now it’s His nature. Praise the Lord.

What is one result of participating in the divine nature? 1:4c; IJn.2:15-16

We have escaped the corruption in the world caused by lust, evil desires. New life in Him.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8, NIV

And for this very reason (escaping the corruption) we are to do what? 1:5

Make every effort, apply all diligence, to add to (supply in addition) your faith...

Peter is now going to generate a ‘ladder’ of virtues to add. What is the goal for us? 1:10

Adding these things (built on our genuine faith) will make our calling/election sure.

Through the centuries what term has been attached to such confidence of our salvation?

Being sure of our calling/election is often called Eternal Security. Steadfast confidence!

And what is the first reason we need this Security, confidence? 1:10b; IJn.3:19-22

If you add these things to your faith, you will never fall (spiritual doubting). Never.

And what is the second reason we need this Security? 1:11; Mt.25:34

You will receive an abundant entrance into His eternal kingdom. It’s never too late!

Then back to the ‘adders’. What is the first thing to add to your faith? 1:5; Phil.4:8

Add to your faith moral excellence. This term describes moral heroism. Abundance.

Next: unpacking the path to Eternal Security