

# THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

**2-PETER CHAPTER 1:1-4**

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**“Look What You’ve Become – Part 3”**

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**2 Peter 1:1-4**

**:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:**

**:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, :3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,**

**:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

**We come now to a verse in the Bible where the critics have supposed that they have an opportunity to attack and undermine Petrine theology (Peter’s Theology).**

**It’s their view that verse 4 promotes and endorses a pagan practice and belief that prevailed at that time, which was “that the gods one worshipped were understood to possess an individual.” As an example, if you had become a worshipper of Zeus, you then acted out this religion, as a devotee in life.**

**Though Paul the apostle makes a very similar argument about Christ dwelling within a believer in Christ, it is Peter that takes it to a more graphic depiction.**

**Peter will powerfully declare that a Christian is not only** positionally settled in this relationship with God by grace, but that the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within that believer proves 100% ownership and possession by God.

### **Look What You've Become**

1.) You've become an instrument in the hands of God vs. 1

**:1** Simon Peter, a **bondservant** and **apostle** of **Jesus Christ**, to those who have **obtained like precious faith** with us **by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:**

2.) You've become complete by the supply of God vs. 2-3

**:2** **Grace** and **peace** be **multiplied** to you **in the knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord, **:3** as His **divine power** has **given** to us **all things** that **pertain to life** and **godliness**, **through the knowledge** of Him **Who called us by glory and virtue,**

### **Look What You've Become**

3.) You've become a child of the Living God vs. 4

## **Total Encouragement Is Presented Here**

### **Look What You've Become**

### **You've Become a Child of The Living God**

3a.) Because He has given you a promise vs. 4a

**:4a** **by which have been given** to us **exceedingly great** and **precious promises,**

**exceedingly great** grk: megistos; greatest. magnificent.

There are over 7,400+ promises found in the Bible.  
Each of the 7,400 promises are acts of grace & peace by God

### **These following verses mirror in equivalence:**

#### **2 Timothy 3:16**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

**2 Peter 1:21**

For prophecy (all Scripture) never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved (carried aloft, lifted up, to be shown, or revealed) by the Holy Spirit.

**“Given” in the likeness of having a very wealthy relative or friend who has supplied, guaranteed, or ordered for you total access.**

**This is a truly awesome statement and is in support by verse 3 enabling power...**

**:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by glory and virtue,**

You live in a world of broken dreams and broken promises.  
( So what are you going to do about that? )

**Adopt a “0” Tolerance for Victimhood.**

**Romans 10:11**

For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to **shame**. *(will be disgraced, humiliated, ridiculed)*”

**Psalms 25:3a**

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be **ashamed**;  
*(delayed, put off, dejected, depressed, frustrated)*

**Isaiah 54:4**

“Do not fear, for you will not be **ashamed**; neither be **disgraced**, for you will not be put to **shame**;

**Matthew 28:18-19**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All **authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Luke 10:17-20**

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." :18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the **authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

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**You've Become a Child of The Living God**

3b.) Because He has established you firmly

vs. 4b

**:4b that through these** (*promises*) you may be **partakers** of the **divine nature**,

That by "walking through this door of promises" you will have access to the divine nature as you live now – today in a fallen world.

**partakers**      **grk:** koinonos; to share in the same; to be in partnership; allegiance with, union with, at one with.

**What we observe here, even in this fallen world, is enough good for us be filled with all hope and excitement about the future = with God in His heaven with His people**

**Romans 8:15-17**

For you **did not receive** the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you **did receive** the Spirit of **adoption** by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if (since) children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

**divine**      **grk:** theios; the Divine Nature having been communicated to or transmitted, deposited or distributed

**nature**      **grk:** physis; the nature of a person or personality or being such as DNA, inherent or instinctive

**Galatians 4:19**

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

**What** is the Divine Nature?

**How** is the Divine Nature activated in my life?

**Can** Divine Nature be experienced?

- 1.) To possess the divine nature is to have embedded within you the morality of God.  
We could say Natural Law.
- 2.) It means that we have become focused on a completely different meaning to life.
- 3.) It means that we have become preoccupied with doing the will (things) of God.
- 4.) It means that we have no confidence in our human abilities or talents or skills but rather – we yield them to Him.
- 5.) It means that we desire to honor the Bible in our daily living.
- 6.) It means that we are (considering our individual personality) intentional about being just like Jesus.

### **What is the Proof of us having received The Divine Nature?**

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (vs. we pander / justify them) 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**Colossians 2:9-10a**

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;  
**10** and you are complete in Him,

**John 17:6-8**

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. **7** Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. **8** For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

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3c.) Because He has commissioned us to follow

vs. 4c

**:4c having escaped the corruption  
that is in the world through lust.**

But how do we ***“escape the corruption that is in the world”***?

## By escaping lust.

*It was true for Joseph, Daniel, Moses, Peter, Paul, Wycliffe, Latimer, Luther, and Knox.  
And it is true for you and me today – it's the exact same. Every single time we sin it is  
because we have set ourselves up to sin by flirting with that sin.  
( We've been set up every time we neglect His word )*

### **James 1:12-16**

Blessed (happy) is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. :16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

And notice what the Bible here promises. It promises that we who are His children have already escaped not only the power and grip of lusts – but we have been delivered from "The Corruption"

There is no grave of corruption for us; there is no "six feet under" for us.

### **Romans 6:12-14**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Because Romans 6:12-14 is true –

### **Galatians 2:20-21**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Because Galatians 2:20-21 is true –

### **2 Corinthians 6:18**

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,  
Says the Lord Almighty."

*End of Study*

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