

Partakers of The Divine Nature

II Peter 1:1-11

1. Intro

1. Written to the the scattered Christians in Asia minor (I Peter 1:1)
2. I Peter dealt with external difficulties. II Peter deals with problems that may arise from within the community.
3. He wants people that have come to faith in Christ, the same faith that he has, to know that they have been given a nature that connects with Christ. (1b)
4. As a result we are empowered to live a life that was contrary to what we were living before.

2. Partakers of The Divine Nature (3-4)

1. His divine power has been given to us for our daily living (3)
 1. Not left to our own devices.
 2. Expectation to live a godly life
2. We can become partakers of the divine nature (4)
 1. What are the implications of being partakers?
 1. Sanctified; doing things that are right and correct; seeking that which is true; showing love
 2. Makes us useful and fruitful for His kingdom

3. Add To Your Faith (5-7)

1. Faith is how we come to Christ. (1b)
2. We now need to build upon that faith
 1. We do so that we may enter his kingdom (11) [I Cor 3:12]
3. We need to see these things as issues that need to be dealt with to progress into a life of godliness. (from new believer to mature believer)
 1. Moral excellence
 1. In the midst of temptation we need to do what is right in the sight of God.
 2. Knowledge
 1. Understanding will guide us correctly
 3. Self-control
 1. The need to bring our being to focus in the right direction.
 4. Patient endurance
 1. Continuing on even in difficulty
 5. Godliness
 1. God is set before us and God controls our life. Our very being is in Him.
 6. Brotherly affection
 1. Within the faith community
 7. Love
 1. Outside our faith community
4. These make us useful and fruitful (8)
5. No stumbling if we practice
 1. If I stumbled, in what area, and what do I need to do to correct it? (10)

4. Enter His Eternal Kingdom (11)

1. Through works
 1. We know that we have been saved by grace
 2. These things build eternal rewards.
2. If we don't pursue these previous qualities we will get mired down in the things that we left behind (9)
 1. We have been given the divine nature to overcome.

5. Conclusion

1. Peter has called us to take a look at ourselves
 1. Make sure that we have entered into a faith relationship with Christ.
 2. Know that we have become partakers of The Divine Nature
 3. A list of things have been given to us that will make us useful for Him.
 4. Participating in these things will build reward in His kingdom.