

## Partakers of the Divine Nature

II Peter 1:3-4

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Amazing! Marvelous! Do we ever use these words? How do we use these words? Now think about the words in our passage; divine power, glory, excellence, precious, magnificent, and divine nature. We would not say these things if God had not said them in His holy word.

1. A. When we encounter Jesus through His word, the Bible, how do we react?  
Mark 5:42, 6:2, II Peter 1:1-4
  
- B. What is Peter gushing about in II Peter 1:1-4?
  
- C. How are we granted this divine nature?  
II Peter 1:3
  
2. A. II Peter is Peter's last words to us. He knows he is going to die soon, and how he is going to die. What were Jesus' last words to Peter?  
John 21:19
  
- B. Remember what we mean when we say these are Peter's last words and take note of this mixture of Peter's exhortation to enjoy and grow in Jesus but also watch out and beware.  
II Peter 1:3-4, 1:20-2:1, 2:20, 3:14-18
  
- C. How are we able to enjoy Him and to avoid false teaching?  
II Peter 1:2-3, 1:8, 3:18, Jeremiah 9:23-24, John 17:3, 1:4, 10:10  
Philippians 3:8-10
  
3. A. We have seen the pattern of verse 1-11 of II Peter before; wealth then walk, what we have in Christ and how we should respond. Read these verses and then take note of the first part, the wealth we have in Christ in verses 1-4.

- B. "Grace and peace." Can you have real peace without grace?  
II Peter 1:2, Romans 5:1, I Peter 5:10-11
- C. What would the world be like without a God of grace? Do we have to imagine it, or do we see it every day? Do the false gods of this world preach grace? What a contrast "the God of all grace" is!  
Hebrews 2:16-18, II Peter 1:3
4. A. What phrase is repeated in II Peter 1:3-4?  
II Corinthians 9:15, Romans 6:23, 3:23-24
- B. What is granted to us as stated in II Peter 1:3? What do we know about this?  
Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 33:9, Mark 1:40-42, 2:9-12, 3:5, 4:39, 5:8, 15
- C. Even with all this power language, what is the quintessential power of God?  
Matthew 22:29-32, Luke 22:69, Romans 1:16  
I Corinthians 1:18, 22-24, 2:1-2, 15:1-4, Ephesians 1:18-23
5. A. Think about it Christian! What have you been granted in II Peter 1:4?  
Romans 8:32, Galatians 2:20
- B. How do we lay hold of this? Do you search out His promises in your Bible?  
John 3:16
- C. How are those who truly lay hold of this described in II Peter 1:3-4?  
Romans 8:16-17, II Corinthians 3:18, I John 3:1-3