

Living In The Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:1-4

The Divine Nature Given By God By Faith Is Precious

A. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2)

1. Based on the righteousness of Christ (1:1)

a. Because He is righteous

Romans 5:18

b. Because He makes us righteous through faith

Philippians 3:9

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A. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2) - continued

2. Brings the rewards of faith (1:2a)

a. Grace

1). Its abundance

1Timothy 1:14

2). Its authority

Romans 5:2

b. Peace

1). Heaven

Romans 5:1

2). Here

Galatians 6:16

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A. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2) - continued

3. Brought about as the result of knowledge of God (1:2b)

a. Respect for God

Proverbs 1:7

b. Reliance on God

Proverbs 9:10

c. Reflecting on God

Psalm 139:6

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B. The Provision of Divine Power (1:3)

1. Endowed by God

a. A new way of life

John 1:12

b. A new way of thinking

2 Timothy 1:7

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B. The Provision of Divine Power (1:3) - continued

2. Enabled by God

a. By His Work

Ephesians 2:10

b. By His Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

3. Enlightened by God

Ephesians 1:17-18

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C. The Promise Of Participating In The Divine Nature (1:4)

1. The provision of the promises (1:4a)

a. The certainty

2 Corinthians 1:20

1 John 2:25

b. The conditions

Galatians 3:22

c. The confidence

Romans 4:21

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C. The Promise Of Participating In The Divine Nature

(1:4)

2. The purpose of the promise (1:4b)

2 Corinthians 5:21

3. Purity trusting the promise (1:4c)

a. Escaping corruption

Psalm 143:9

b. Expecting Christ

1 John 3:3

Living In Growth

2 Peter 1:5-11

**Spiritual Growth Is The Truest Sign Of Spiritual
Life**

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

A. The effort in your life (1:5)

2 Peter 1:5

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

Romans 12:11

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

A. The effort in your life (1:5) - continued

1. Have faith

Romans 1:17

**For therein is the righteousness of God revealed
from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live
by faith.**

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

A. The effort in your life (1:5) - continued

2. Have moral courage (virtue)

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

A. The effort in your life (1:5) - continued

3. Have moral wisdom (knowledge)

a. Attain it

Colossians 2:3

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Philippians 3:8

Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

I. Instilling Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

A. The effort in your life (1:5) - continued

3. Have moral wisdom (knowledge)

b. Apply it

Proverbs 13:16

Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

Proverbs 14:8

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

B. The effect on your life (1:6)

2 Peter 1:6

**And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance
patience; and to patience godliness;**

1. Self-control (temperance)

1 Corinthians 9:27

**But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:
lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I
myself should be a castaway.**

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

B. The effect on your life (1:6) - continued

2. Endurance (patience)

James 5:11

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Romans 5:3-4

3 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

B. The effect on your life (1:6) - continued

3. Godliness

2 Peter 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2 Peter 3:11

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

C. The effect on others (1:7)

2 Peter 1:7

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

C. The effect on others (1:7) - continued

1. Brotherly kindness

1 Peter 1:22

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

1 John 5:1

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

I. Instill Spiritual Growth (1:5-7)

C. The effect on others (1:7) - continued

2. Charity (agape)

a. As Christ communicates

John 15:13

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

b. As Christ commands

John 15:12

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

II. The Imperative Of Spiritual Growth (1:8-9)

A. The products of spiritual growth (1:8)

2 Peter 1:8

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Abundance in your life

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

II. The Imperative Of Spiritual Growth (1:8-9)

A. The products of spiritual growth (1:8) - continued

2. Assurance in your life

Colossians 2:2

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3. Appearance in your life

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

II. The Imperative Of Spiritual Growth (1:8-9)

B. The problems of no spiritual growth (1:9)

2 Peter 1:9

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

II. The Imperative Of Spiritual Growth (1:8-9)

B. The problems of no spiritual growth (1:9) - continued

1. Impairment

Revelation 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

2. Ignorance

Ephesians 4:18

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

III. The Invitation To Spiritual Growth (1:10-11)

A. Keep going with confidence (1:10)

2 Peter 1:10

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Philippians 2:12

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

III. The Invitation To Spiritual Growth (1:10-11)

B. Keep looking to Christ (1:11)

2 Peter 2:11

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:24

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Do You Need To Get Started?

Keep Going If You Have Started

