

Participants in the Divine Nature

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2 Peter 1:1-11, “*Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, 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 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. ⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; ¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.*”

1 Peter 5:8, “*Be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*”

1. Obtaining our Faith

2 Peter 1:1, “*To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:*

Romans 10:17, “*Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*”

Hebrews 11:6, “*Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*”

1 Peter 1:9, *“Obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”*

2. Building up our Faith

James 2:17, *“Faith, if it has no works, is dead.”*

Matthew 7:24, *“Everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.”*

James 1:2-4, *“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, *“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, ⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, ⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails.”*

Galatians 5:22-23, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*

3. Reward to those who put their faith into practice

2 Timothy 4:7, *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, in the future there laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”*