

OUR GLORIOUS CALLING TO BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, Pt. 2 (2 Peter 1:1-11)

A. THE PROVISION OF OUR GLORIOUS CALLING (1:1-4)

1. The *writer* of this epistle is Peter, who is an _____ in authority but whose posture is that of a _____. (v. 1)
2. The *recipients* of this epistle are already _____ in Jesus Christ to whom Peter is writing about the common _____. (v. 1)
 - *What “faith” is Peter most likely referring to here?*
3. The *focus* of chapter 1 is on the _____. (vv. 1-11)
 - *How is He described and why is this significant?*
4. The *greeting* of this epistle expresses the desire that grace and peace be _____ to believers in the _____ (*epignōsis*) of God and Jesus our Lord. (v. 2)
 - *What does this refer to? (Gal. 4:19; Eph. 4:13-15; Phil. 3:10; Col. 3:10; 1 Tim. 2:4-6; 2 Peter 3:18)*
5. The *provision* for a relationship of knowing Christ experientially includes _____ things that pertain to _____ and _____. (v. 3)
 - *How many spiritual blessings do we have in Christ? (Eph. 1:3; 3:8)*
 - *How were these “given” (*dōreomai*) to us as believers? (cf. Rom. 3:24, *dōrean*)*
6. Our *calling* as believers is _____ or _____ the glory and virtue of _____. (vv. 3, 10)
 - *To what are we called as believers? (1 Peter 1:7-8, 15; 2:9, 20-21; 3:8-9; 5:10)*
7. The *provision* for our calling also includes having been freely “given” (*dōreomai*) _____ (*meGas*) and _____ promises. (v. 4)
8. The *purpose* of this provision is for us to be _____ (*koinōnoi*) or _____ of the divine nature. (v. 4)
 - *What does this refer to? (Acts 17:29)*
 - *What does this not refer to?*

B. THE PORTRAIT OF OUR GLORIOUS CALLING (1:5-7)

In light of Christ's abundant provision for us as believers, our glorious calling to be partakers of the divine nature, and our salvation from the corruption of the world, we should choose to _____ (*spoudē*) and _____ (*epichorēgeō*) these Christlike characteristics in connection with our faith (vv. 5-7):

1. _____ (*aretē*) – moral excellence, strength (1 Peter 2:9; Luke 6:19; 8:46 KJV)
2. _____ (*gnōsis*) – knowledge of Christ and His Word (2 Peter 3:17-18)
3. _____ (*egkrateia*) – in contrast to licentiousness (Gal. 5:23)
4. _____ (*hypomonē*) – patience amidst trials and circumstances (James 1:3-4)
5. _____ (*eusebeia*) – humble awareness of God in every aspect of life (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:5)
6. _____ (*philadelphia*) – love that exists among brothers or friends (brotherly, friendly love)
7. _____ (*agapē*) – self-sacrificial love in the best interests of others (1 John 4:8-10)

C. THE PROFIT OF OUR GLORIOUS CALLING (1:8-11)

If these characteristics of Christ are ours and abound:

1. We will be spiritually _____. (vv. 8-9)
 - *Is it possible for a genuine child of God to lack fruit?*
 - *How are these characteristics produced in our lives? (John 15:4-5; Phil. 1:11; Col. 3:10-15)*
2. We will make our calling and election _____, _____, _____
_____ (*bebaiōs*, 2 Cor. 1:7, 21; Col. 2:7; Heb. 2:2; 3:14; 13:9) and never _____
so as to fall in our walk with the Lord. (v. 10)
3. We will be supplied with an _____ (*epichorēgeō*) entrance into the eternal kingdom in terms of a greater _____. (v. 11; Ruth 2:12; Matt. 25:21, 23; Luke 19:17, 19; 2 John 8)