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Tuesday-Wednesday, 04/09/19—04/10/19 - Group Studies

Lesson Series: Partakers of His Divine Nature

Lesson Series Text: *(2 Peter 1:1-4)*

Lesson (2): Function of the Divine Nature

Lesson (2) Text: *(2 Peter 1:5-10)*

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. God has done His part in providing the things necessary for salvation. *(1:1-4)*
 - A. Faith and Righteousness. *(1:1)*
 - B. Grace and Peace. *(1:2)*
 - C. Life and Godliness. *(1:3)*
 - D. Exceeding Great and Precious Promises. *(1:4)*
 - E. The Divine Nature. *(1:4)*

- II. The believer now must do their part. *(Phi. 2:12-13 - 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. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure; Col. 1:28-29)*
 - A. Because of all the blessings that the Lord have given us, we cannot be indifferent; we must dedicate ourselves to add to the faith that we received from God. *(5)*

- III. Give all diligence to add these things. *(5)*
 - A. Diligence here means speed, eagerness, earnestness, carefulness; with all maximum effort.
 - B. Peter believed that these teachings were so important that:
 - 1) He said that he would always put them in remembrance of these teachings; even thou they already knew them. *(1:12)*
 - 2) He stated that as long as he lived, that he would stir up the believer's remembrance with these teachings. *(1:13)*
 - 3) He also stated that even after his death, that he would arrange for these teachings to be taught; in order to have these teachings in their remembrance. *(1:14-15)*

- IV. Peter spoke of seven things that we are to add. *(5-7)*
 - A. **Virtue** - moral excellence, good character, good actions. Moral excellence that stands out in life. *(1 The. 4:1-7)*

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- B. **Knowledge** - practical knowledge or intelligence. (2 Tim. 2:15); knowing what to do in the majority of situations. (John 8:31-32; Rom. 15:14; 1 Cor. 1:5)
 - C. **Temperance** - to control desires, appetites, and passions; like athletes. (1 John 2:15-16; Gal. 5:22-23)
 - D. **Patience** - to persevere, to bear up under, steadfastness, not giving in to circumstances or trials. (Luke 21:19; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 10:36)
 - E. **Godliness** - reverence for God, external behaviors done to please God. It is living like God lives, to live conscious of God's presence. (2 Cor. 3:8; 2 Pet. 3:11)
 - F. **Brotherly Kindness** - the kind of love that exists between brothers and sisters in a loving family. The love that looks out for the welfare of each other. The love that nurtures each other. (John 13:34-35; 15:12, 17)
 - G. **Charity** - The love of the mind, heart, and will. The kind love that loves whether the individual feels like it or not. The love that will love a person who is thought to be unworthy of love. (Rom. 5:6-10; 1 Cor. 13:13)
- V. If these things be in you and abound. (8-9)
- A. You will not be barren (*useless or inactive*) or unfruitful (*unproductive*) in the Knowledge of God.
 - B. If we lack these things, we are blind and short-sighted.
- VI. Give diligence to make your calling and election sure. (10)
- A. If you do these things, you shall never fall.
 - B. Make sure of your election.
 - C. These things will keep you from falling.

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