

HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED

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INTRODUCTION

- A. *“Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue;” v. 2,3.*
- B. SETTING:
1. Again, the apostle Peter the writer.
 2. Apparently the same audience as the first letter.
 3. Those, who being persecuted were scattered abroad.
- C. HE WOULD HAVE THEM, AND US, TO SEE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US.
1. “All things that pertain to life and godliness.”
 2. “Through the knowledge of him that called us.”
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GENEROUS GIVER

- A. PETER PORTRAYS JESUS AS A GENEROUS GIVER!
1. Jesus “has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness.” These are available ‘through the knowledge of him.’ Obviously no further revelation is needed then. (Gal. 1:8).
 2. Jesus has “given to us exceedingly great and precious promises”. v.4a.
 3. Jesus has given us a way to “partake of the divine nature” v. 4b.
 4. Jesus has given us a way to ‘escape the corruption that is in the world through lust’ v. 4c.
 5. Jesus has given us a means to be fruitful v. 8 and to “*make your calling and election sure*” so that “you will never stumble” v. 10.
 6. Jesus has given us an abundant entrance “*into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord*” v. 11. Jesus established His kingdom, the church. We can be in it now and will one day be presented to the Father. (I Cor. 15:24-28).
- B. PETER PORTRAYS JESUS AS HAVING DIVINE POWER!
1. “*His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness*” v. 3a.
 2. Jesus had “power on earth to forgive sins” (Mark 2:10) and was given “all power” in heaven and earth (Mat. 28:18ff).
 3. This power assured by His Resurrection. (Acts 2:36; Rom. 14:9; I Cor. 15:27; Eph. 6:10ff)
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GIVES US SECURITY

- A. *"IF YOU DO THESE THINGS YOU WILL NEVER STUMBLE"* What things
1. "Be Diligent v. 5a. (Earnest, zealous, careful).
 2. Add to, strengthen your Faith. Faith is the foundation of the Christian Life (Heb. 11:6). (Can't add to....what you don't have).
- B. THE CHRISTIAN GRACES.
1. The list given (vs 5-7).
 2. Each one is an effort that is continually. In progress.
 3. We earnestly, carefully, develop and add these to our life DAILY!
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HOW GOD HAS GIVEN

- A. PETER RECOGNIZED THEIR NEED.
1. *"Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with you."* v.12.
 2. Knowing his death was coming, how could he continue to remind them of what God has given.
 3. The answer....Put it in writing. *"Yea, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after my decease to call these things to remembrance."* v. 15.
- B. WHAT WAS HE GOING TO WRITE?
1. Not the devised fables of man, v. 16.
 2. *"We made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"* v. 16.
 3. What He Made Known, And Revealed About The Lord Jesus Christ.
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ALL THINGS

- A. *"..... all things that pertain unto life and godliness,"* v. 3.
1. All things....Every Thing.
 2. What does this leave for "later day revelations?"
 3. What does this leave for subjective 'feelings?"
- B. LIFE AND GODLINESS.
1. What is "life".
 - a. Not the here and now.
 - b. But the eternal. Jesus came that we might have life...more abundantly.
 2. Godliness. = (a) Devout. (b) Godly. Devout toward God.

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C. "BY HIS DIVINE POWER".

1. How does God give this to us, by His Divine Power.
 2. The LAST PART OF THE CHAPTER EXPLAINS.
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WORD OF PROPHECY

A. WHAT IS MEANT BY "WORD OF PROPHECY".

1. "Prophecy of scripture" v. 20.
2. Thus it refers to the Word of God, the Bible.

B. "Give heed as unto a lamp shining in a dark place." v. 19.

1. God's word is a light and a lamp. (Psa. 119:105).
 2. It's purpose is to guide and direct us.
 3. To show us, illuminate, the way so that we can see to walk safely!.
 4. God's Divine Power Has "GRANTED US THE WAY".
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THE SOURCE

A. First: What is NOT its source.

1. It did not come from man. *No prophecy is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man*" vs 20,21.
2. It is not the result of the "vote" of the "group". What ever they are called.
3. It is NOT that which has grown and developed over a period of time.
CALLED TRADITIONS OF MEN.

B. "Men spake from God, Being moved by the Holy Spirit." v. 21.

1. Now what they wanted to say...but what God said by them.
2. "God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will". (Heb. 2:4).
3. If what man teaches and claims today is not proved by the power of God...

IT IS NOT FROM GOD!!

CONCLUSION

A. God's Divine Power Has Given Unto Us All Things That Pertain To Life and Godliness.

1. We do not need anything else.
2. We do not HAVE ANYTHING ELSE!

B. Follow what He has given and it is the light that leads to heaven.

1. God has given us every thing we need for eternal life.
 2. BUT....IT WILL NOT SAVE US IF WE DO NOT ACCEPT IT!
 3. He is the Divine Giver.....Have we accepted His gift of life??
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