

Section 2 - 2 Peter 1:3-4

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (NIV)

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3 For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through true and personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises [of inexpressible value], so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become sharers of the divine nature. (AMP)

Questions

- (vs 3) What has Christ's divine power provided for the believer? How would you define a godly life? Why might believers struggle to live a godly life if Christ has provided everything needed to live it? By what means were believers called?

- (v 4) How does Peter describe Christ's promises? What is the source of these promises? What do Christ's great and precious promises allow believers to do? When believers participate in Christ's divine nature, what are they able to escape?

Promises of God that relate to holiness

What promise of God does each verse communicate? (NIV)

- **Romans 6:14** For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. (NIV)

- **2 Corinthians 12:9** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (NIV)

- **Philippians 4:13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (NIV)

- **James 4:7** Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (NIV)
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- **1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (NIV)
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- **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)
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- **Jeremiah 31:34**
No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more." (NIV)

- What is something from our passage or study you are challenged to ponder further this week?
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Suggested Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you that your divine power has given me everything I need for a godly life through my knowledge of you who called me by your own glory and goodness. Help me to continually grow in my personal relationship and knowledge of you. Through your own glory and goodness my God and Savior, you have given me your very great and precious promises. Through your very great and precious promises, I can share in your divine nature and escape the corruption in this world caused by evil desires. Help me remember your promises and rely upon you when challenged and tempted by the corruption and evil in this world. Amen