

Title of series: “The Second Letter of Peter” – Part 3
“Partaking of the Divine Nature”

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A. Review

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2. We ended last week’s message with verse 11.
3. Today, let’s start with verse 12.

B. Why is Peter telling the church the things contained in this letter?

• **2 Peter 1:12-15**

1. He wanted to remind them of these things even though...
2. He wanted to stir them up by way of reminder.
3. He knew that his death would be soon.
4. He wanted the church to be able at any time to recall these things.

C. Since these things were so important to Peter, they should be just as important to us.

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1. The precious and magnificent promises were granted to us so that by them we may become partakers of the divine nature.
- Jesus calls those things that be not as though they were:

➤ **Romans 4:16-17** (*even God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which be not as though they were.*)[*Lit calls the things which do not exist as existing*]

➤ **Proverbs 18:21** (Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit)

➤ **Mark 11:23-24** (23Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. 24Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.)

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2. God has given us everything pertaining to life and godliness **through the true knowledge of Him.**

- Peter is calling us to earnestly put forth effort to change.

➤ **2 Corinthians 10:1-5** (4For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; 5Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;)

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