

Partakers and Sharers of the Divine Nature

In the small book of 2 Peter, the apostle delivers one of the biggest statements of the faith in the first chapter – we are partakers of the divine nature through Christ. We will explore how partaking of the divine nature shapes us as disciple-makers and leaders, as well as how it shapes those we disciple and lead. Both the depth of this profound mystery as well as the broad scale of its impact are the fuel and destination of maturity in Christ.

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1. Introduction

- a. It's the little things
- b. That make a huge difference
- c. Where do we see this dynamic at work?
 - i. In Peter's life
 - ii. In world history
 - iii. In your life/ministry

2. 2 Peter 1: 1-4

- a. Servant leader is the model of a disciple-making leader
- b. Faith of equal standing to Peter and other apostles
 - i. Are we sure of this?
 - ii. OK, but how?

- c. Grace multiplied to us
 - i. In knowledge
 - ii. In person
 - iii. In growth and working it out
- d. God's divine power
 - i. Grants to us ALL things
 - 1. Pertaining to life
 - 2. Godliness
 - ii. Through the knowledge and for a goal:
 - 1. His glory
 - 2. Excellence
 - iii. Grants us precious and very great promises
 - iv. Reason – that we become partakers of THE divine nature
- e. Our state – freed from corruption and bondage of sinful desire

3. A Divine Development Plan vv. 5-11

- a. Faith
- b. Virtue
- c. Knowledge
- d. Self-control

e. Steadfastness

f. Godliness

g. Brotherly affection

h. Love

4. Discipleship Growth Dynamic

a. Are yours

b. Are increasing

c. Effective and fruitful

5. Remember Your Calling and Provision