

5 Provisions that God Gives Which Enable Us to Walk with Him (2 Peter 1:3-4)

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust. (2 Pet 1:2-4)

QUESTION: How is it possible to become mature, obedient followers?

ANSWER: God has given us everything we need to do so!

God Describes 5 Provisions in 2 Peter 1:3-4 – These Have Been GIVEN...

1. COMPLETE RESOURCES

God has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (3a)

All Things Given by God's Power

- 1 Pet 1:5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 2 Pet 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness,
- 2 Pet 1:16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

All Things that Pertain to Life

- John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

All Things that Pertain to Godliness

- 1:6-7 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.
- 3:11-12 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

2. EXPERIENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS

God has given us these through knowing Himself & His Son (3b)

We See His Workings

- 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,
- 1:8 For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

We See Him Who Called Us

- 1 Pet 1:15 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,
- 1 Pet 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

We See His Glory & Virtue

- Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things.
- 1 Pet 2:9 "praises"
- 2 Pet 1:5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

3. AMAZING PROMISES

God has given us exceedingly great & precious promises (4a)

- 1:4a by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises,
- 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

4. DIVINE ENABLEMENT

God, through these, enables us to partake of the divine nature (4b)

- 1:4b that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, (cp 1:3)
- Eph 2:3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

5. TRUE FREEDOM

God has freed us from the lust-driven corruption of the world (4c)

- 2:12 But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,
- 2:18-20 For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. (**ADD...**)