

DIVINE POWER—THE SOURCE OF GODLY LIVING

2 Peter 1:1-11

Key Verse: 1:3

“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.”

1. What does Peter’s introduction of himself reveal about his relationship to Jesus and to the recipients (1)? In what sense were they equal? What was Peter’s view of Jesus? How can grace and peace be multiplied to us (2)?
2. Read verse 3. What has God given us pertaining to life and godliness¹? How does “everything we need” come to us? What does “knowledge” mean? What motivated God to call us? What is the significance of God’s initiative to equip us for life and godliness?
3. What blessings has God given us by his own glory and goodness, and for what purpose (4)? What does it mean to participate in the divine nature? How does this help us escape the corruption of the world? What is the importance of holding on to God’s promises?
4. In view of what God has done for us, what should we do (5a)? What specific qualities does Peter mention as part of the divine nature (5b-7)? What is their foundation and culmination? Why do you think Peter mentions these things?
5. What results from possessing the qualities of the divine nature (8)? What does it mean to be effective and productive in our knowledge of Jesus? What warning does Peter give to those who are not growing spiritually (9)?
6. What is the significance of confirming one’s calling and election (10a)? How can we avoid stumbling (10b)? In what respect is practicing divine qualities the pathway into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (11)?

¹ The words “godly life” in the NIV (2011) are translated as “life and godliness” in almost every other version of the Bible, even the NIV (1984), and reflects the Greek text more accurately.