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Background of II Peter

Peter is dealing with issues and problems outside the church and inside the church. He warns the church about false teachers that are teaching damaging doctrine.

This is the same Peter that Jesus asked, “Who do men say I am” and then went on to ask Peter “Who Do You Say That I Am”

Peter was an eyewitness to the life of Jesus; He preached a sermon in the 2nd chapter of the Book of acts where it states that 3,000 people were saved.

Peter felt that it was necessary to “**REMIND**” the people of certain things **2 Peter 1:12-15 (NIV2011)**

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Many times, you may have heard “**Knowledge is power**” well God said that lack of knowledge will destroy you.

Hosea 4:6 (NIV2011) My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.

When you visit to a doctor, an Attorney or a mechanic. You are paying for their knowledge. The years of study that they put into their profession.

As we face this Coronavirus there is so much information given to inform us of what to do and what not to do. We all want to know how to keep ourselves and family safe.

We need information which is knowledge. God also give us His Words about disease.

I. WE MUST BE REMINDED ALSO

Benefits of God

Psalm 91:9-10 (NKJV) Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge, *Even* the Most High, your dwelling place, ¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague (disease) come near your dwelling;

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Psalm 103:2 (NIV2011) Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all HIS benefits—

There are things that we must be reminded of to be successful and never fail.

Benefits Not to Forget

- Forgiveness is at the top of the list. God forgives all iniquities.
- Healing is available for all diseases.
- Redemption is part of God's benefits.
- Lovingkindness is one of God's gifts.
- God dispenses tender mercies.
- Because of God, His people are satisfied with good things.
- Even old people will have renewed youth like the eagle.

Let's Revisit our Text

2 Peter 1:1-10 (NKJV)

Simon Peter, a **bondservant** and **apostle** of Jesus Christ, To those who have **obtained** like precious faith with us by **the righteousness of our God** and Savior Jesus Christ:

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you **in the knowledge of God** and of Jesus our Lord,

³ as **His DIVINE POWER (ABILITY)** has given to us **ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN (RELATE) TO LIFE AND GODLINESS,**(Godward attitude) **through the KNOWLEDGE OF HIM** who called us by glory and virtue,

⁴ 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**.

⁵ But also **for this very reason, GIVING ALL DILIGENCE**, **add** to your faith **virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**,

⁶ to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **perseverance**, to perseverance **godliness**,

⁷ to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to **brotherly kindness love**.

⁸ **For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

⁹ For **he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness**, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, **for if you do these things you will never stumble;**

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God has provided everything we need. It's already been done!!!

II. God HAS Provided

Everything you need for life – the Lord has already provided for you. So, whatever you think you need – **YOU HAVE IT**. 2 Peter 1:3 tells us, “**By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.**” Notice it says “HAS GIVEN” that is past tense.

Often, we spend our time praying and asking God to provide things that He has already provided. Many believers are constantly begging God trying to convince Him to do something for them when the truth is, He has already done it for them.

THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US

III. You Need Knowledge

The thing that most believers are missing is knowledge. Too many don't even know what God's Word says. They are not aware of the promises of God. Hosea 4:6 says, “**My people are destroyed because they have no knowledge...**” We need the revelation knowledge of Jesus and His Word. (Ephesians 1:17)

Begin today reading, hearing, speaking, and meditating on God's Word. The Bible encourages us to meditate on the Word day and night (**Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:2**) and to study the Word (**2 Timothy 2:15**) and to speak the Word. (2 Corinthians 4:13) Hiding the Word in your heart is a key to obtaining the promises.

EXCEEDINGLY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES

IV. God HAS Given You Great & Precious Promises

The Word of God is filled with promises of what God has provided for us. 2 Peter 1:4 says, “**...He has given us great and precious promises...**” *God has already given us His promises. He has promised healing – and He has already provided it. God has promised prosperity – it has already been provided. He has promised you joy and peace – He has already provide them. Whatever you need – YOU HAVE IT!* We just need to possess the promises by faith.

God Sees Ahead – Makes Provision

One of the names of God is – “Jehovah Jireh”. The meaning of that name is “God provides or God has seen ahead and made provision.” God knows the beginning from the end. He knows everything that is going to happen in your life. He has seen ahead and made provision for your every need. **We just need to be where God is directing us in order to be where His provision is.**

V. Hear and Obey God

God provided a ram in a thicket for Abraham, but if Abraham did not obey God and walk up the mountain he would have missed God's provision. God provided for Elijah at the brook and in Zarephath— but if Elijah did not hear and obey God and doesn't go to the brook or the widows home he misses God's provision.

Are You Missing God's Provision?

Are you missing what God has provided because you're not at the place of God's provision? Begin listening with your spirit. God is speaking to you. He speaks to you through His Word and by His Spirit. Romans 8:28 says, "His spirit bears witness with our spirit". You will be surprised if you stop and listen. Then obey. Just do what God tells you to do. In Luke 11:28 Jesus said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." It is a huge key to receiving the provision God has for you.

You Have It

Begin today believing God has already done it. When Jesus died on the cross, He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father. (Ephesians 1:20) You don't have to wait for God to do something He is waiting on you to do something. It is time to believe Him and follow Him. Know His Word, Listen to Him, and Obey Him. **YOU HAVE IT!**

VI. BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

[Second Peter 1:3-4](#) says, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire" (ESV). The verse plainly says that believers are made "partakers of the divine nature" through God's promises, but what does that mean, exactly? To what extent can we partake of God's nature?

There are several points in [2 Peter 1:3-4](#).

First, God's power has granted us the "very great promises" concerning our salvation.

Second, it is through those promises that we are made "partakers of the divine nature."

Third, being partakers of the divine nature involves escaping the world's decay and rising above sinful desires. Simply put, when we are saved, we receive a new nature, by which we do not perish with the world.

PART II

GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD TO YOUR FAITH

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