



Being “morally” good is not enough!

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2 PETER 1:2-4 NKJV – (2) Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, (3) 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, (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.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord - that is, grace and peace abound upon us, or be conferred on us abundantly, if we have a true knowledge of God and of the Savior. Such a knowledge constitutes true religion - for in that we find "grace" (the grace that pardons and sanctifies) and "peace" (peace of conscience, reconciliation with God) and calmness in the trials of life.

‘Partakers of the Divine nature.’ These are bold words, and may be so understood as to excite the wildest and most presumptuous dreams. But as bold as they are and as startling as they may sound to some of us, they are only conveying the teaching of which the entire New Testament is full - that men may, and do, by their faith receive into their spirits a real communication of the life of God. What else does the language about being ‘the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty’ mean? What else does the teaching of regeneration mean? What does Christ’s frequent declarations that He dwells in us and we in Him, as the branch in the vine, as the members in the body mean? What else does ‘he that is joined to the Lord in one spirit’ mean?

The Bible speaks of the Spirit as the power or mind of God, the power of love and of a sound mind. It comes from Him and thus can be said to be "poured out" (**Titus 3:5-6**), "breathed" (**John 20:22**), and used to "fill" (**Acts 2:4**) and "anoint" (**Acts 10:38**).

Therefore, let us conduct ourselves through the power of the Almighty which we inherited upon His saving us.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 PETER 3:14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love can be bad when it is put in the wrong places.