

2 Peter 1:3

His Divine Power

His Divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness.

- This is speaking of the initial act of regeneration as well as the sanctification process of our lives.

Being born again is brought about by the divine power of God

- Being born again is a supernatural sovereign act that is performed by the divine power of God. The flesh can not cause regeneration as this is of the Spirit.
 - **John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
- Regeneration is brought about by the divine power of God, not of ourselves.
 - The Greek word used in this verse for power is the word “*dynameos*” which is the root word of our English word “dynamite.” This means miraculous power and might.
 - **Think about what it took to bring about your regeneration. We are so fallen and unable to save ourselves, it took the divine power of the living God! How arrogant for us to think that we have to give God permission for us to be born again. Regeneration precedes faith!**
- The same divine power that saved our souls is the same divine power that spoke the world into existence, holds all things together, and raised Jesus from the dead.
 - **Hebrews 1:1-3** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² [a] in these last days has spoken to us [b] in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the [c] world. ³ [d] And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and [e] upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
 - **Romans 8:11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies [a] through His Spirit who dwells in you.
 - **2 Corinthians 4:7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

Granted us everything pertaining to life and godliness

- **Life**-This is referring to eternal life, abundant life which is only a result of those who God saves through His divine power.
 - **John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and [a] have it abundantly.
 - **John 10:27-29** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ [a] My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.
- **Godliness**- Reverence for God and a life of holiness in the world, righteousness, sanctification. This is only brought about by the divine power of God in salvation. Prior to regeneration there is no godliness or desire for godliness in the life of any human. He imputes us with Christ’s righteousness at the time of our justification and declares us holy. Then by the Holy Spirit, He continues to lead us into godliness, righteousness, and holiness via sanctification. This sanctification and conformity to the image of Christ and growing in godliness is what the elect are predestined for.
 - **Romans 8:29** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;
 - **Ephesians 1: 3-5** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before [d] Him. In love ⁵ [e] He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the [f] kind intention of His will,

God has granted every believer with everything they need at salvation and throughout their lives by His divine power for life and godliness! This speaks to initial and progressive sanctification. The work of regeneration is monergistic(it is the work of God alone). However, after our conversion the growth in our lives with sanctification and being conformed into the image of God is synergistic. He has granted all things pertaining to life and godliness and we must then seek after those things and to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. The seeking toward God begins after our salvation and never before.

Through the knowledge of Him who called us-effectual call

- Those who have been granted all things pertaining to life and godliness through the divine power of God are those who have been called by God! This speaks to the effectual call on His elect. The call of God upon His sheep is referred to as an effectual call as it brings about the desired effect for which it was intended. We do not give permission to God to make His call effectual on us, but rather He makes His call effectual on His people. The effectual call always produced the result God intended. The effectual calling of God is not a begging and pleading of God in the hopes that His creatures and creation will hopefully choose to do what He has commanded by His sovereign will and decree! His purpose and call are always accomplished.
- Examples of effectual calls of God: Creation (**Genesis 1**), Lazarus (**John 11**), Paul(**Acts 9**).
- Verses on being called
 - **Romans 8:29-30** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
 - **John 10:26-30** But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ ^[d] My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are ^[e]one."
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you ^[a]from the beginning for salvation ^[b]through sanctification ^[c]by the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴ It was for this He called you through our gospel, ^[d]that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - **2 Timothy 1:8-10** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, ¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
 - **Hebrews 9:15** For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
 - **1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
 - **Jude 1** Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:
 - **Revelation 17:14** These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful."

He called us not because of our merit, actions, or righteousness, but by His own GLORY and EXCELLENCE!