

2 Peter 1:4

By His glory and His excellence, He has granted to the elect His precious and magnificent promises.

- The primary promise that is in view in this context is the promise of eternal life. However, He has given numerous promises to His people including sanctification, peace, joy, forgiveness, etc.
 - **Titus 1:1-2** Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, ^[a]for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, ²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised ^[b]long ages ago,
- His promises are **precious** and **magnificent**.
 - Precious-The word precious refers to the value of something. Gems, stones, and diamonds are referred to as precious when speaking the worth they hold. The promises of God are more valuable than anything we have as they are the word of God Himself. His promises are immutable and of great worth. This word precious was used also to describe the blood of Jesus (**1 Peter 1:18-19**).
 - Magnificent- *The Greek word used in this verse is “megistos”-which means very great. This is the only time in the Bible this word is used and it is used to describe the promises of God.*

By God’s precious and magnificent promises, we become partakers of the Divine nature

- This does not mean we become deified of little gods as some false teachers claim. This claim is blasphemous as there is only one God. We are creatures and will always be creatures even in eternity.
- Being partakers of the divine nature is referring to being born again. Fallen creatures who are saved by the divine power of God are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and are in union with Christ. Those in Christ are new creatures as the old things passed away and new things have come (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). His Spirit is what causes regeneration and also leads believers throughout life into godliness and sanctification.
 - **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are a ^[a]temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 - **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** Or do you not know that your body is a ^[b]temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from ^[c]God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
 - **Romans 8:9-11** However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. ¹⁰If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is ^[a]alive because of righteousness. ¹¹But 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 ^[b]through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- The final result of being partakers of the divine nature will be when we are in our eternal home as believers will have a glorified body like Jesus.
 - **Philippians 3:20-21** For our ^[a]citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹who will transform ^[b]the body of our humble state into conformity with ^[c]the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.
 - **1 John 3:1-2** See ^[a]how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ²Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

Escaped the corruption that is in the world

Through our regeneration and salvation, we have been rescued from the power of sin and the corruption of this world.

- o **Colossians 1:13-14** ¹For He rescued us from the ^(a)domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of ^(a)His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- o **Romans 12:1-3** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, ^(a)acceptable to God, *which is* your ^(b)spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this ^(a)world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may ^(d)prove what the will of God is, that which is good and ^(a)acceptable and perfect.

Those who are chosen from before the foundation of the world (**Ephesians 1:3-6**) have a promise of God for salvation and glorification(**Romans 8:29-30**). It is these to which He has set His love upon, that He effectually calls. By His divine power He causes them to be born again and to become partakers of the divine nature of God as He indwells them with the Holy Spirit which is a seal(**Ephesians 1:13-14**)(**Ephesians 4:30**) and a help throughout life. In this divine act of mercy and power, He transforms us and rescues us from the power and corruption of sin and by His indwelling presence in us, leads us to sanctification and conformity to the image of God, to which the elect have been predestined (**Romans 8:29**). Throughout this life He has by His power and Spirit granted us all things for life and godliness due to partaking of His divine nature by His divine power (**2 Peter 1:3-4**). This will be seen at its fullest in eternity as we will be a partaker of the Divine forever and ever as we are dwelling with Him and have a body that is in conformity with the body of His glory (**Phil 3:20-21**)(**1 John 3:1-2**). This end for His people is a result of His divine power, His mercy, His grace, His precious and magnificent promises, His glory, and His excellence!!