

**Second Peter: Courageous Living in Chaotic Days
The Fight Regarding the Walk – Part 1**

2 Peter 1:5-7

Let's begin this morning with revisiting our outline of 2nd Peter...

Courageous Living in Chaotic Days
A Journey through Second Peter

The Walk	The Word	The War	The Wait
2 Peter 1:3-11	2 Peter 1:12-21	2 Peter 2:1-22	2 Peter 3:1-16

We are beginning the first section that I've titled, "The Walk"

What does it mean to "walk with God"?

What does it look like?

What should we be knowing and doing?

Peter begins this section by laying out some clear **FACTS**

ONE THING

As you PARTICIPATE with the INDWELLING Holy Spirit, He PRODUCES the divine nature of God IN you and THROUGH you!

2 Peter 1:5–7 (ESV) — For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

1. You ALREADY POSSESS the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:5a (ESV) — For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith...

What very reason?...

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV) — 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

God's promises of life and godliness HAVE BEEN granted to us!

What is the "very reason"?

Romans 8:11 (ESV) — 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 through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Acts 1:8a (ESV) — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you ...

As you participate with the indwelling Holy Spirit, He produces the divine nature of God in you and through you!

2. You MUST PARTAKE of the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:5a (ESV) — For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith...

Why make the effort?

2 Peter 1:4 (ESV) — ...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.

Through God's promise of life and godliness WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY

The word translated “partake” refers to “one who participates with another in some enterprise or matter of joint concern — ‘partner, associate, one who joins in with another’”

Galatians 5:16–17 (NLT) — So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the

opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

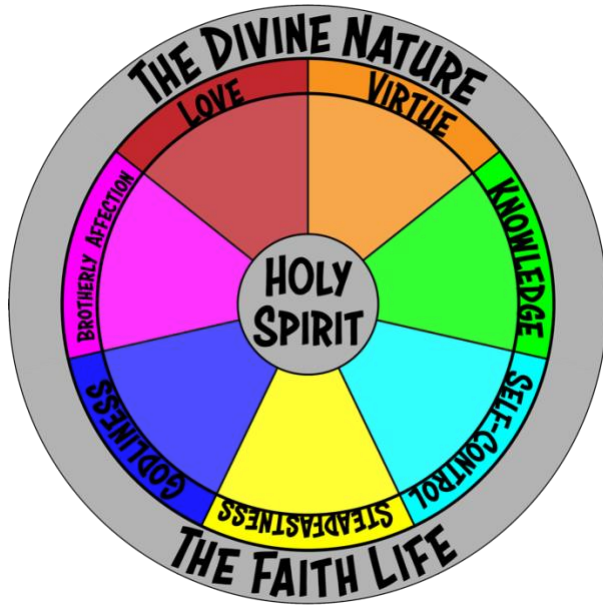
3. You WILL PRODUCE the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:5a (ESV) — For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith...

The word “supplement” means...

“To provide something in addition to what already exists”

1 John 5:4 (ESV) — For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.



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2 Peter 1:3-4 – The Fight Regarding the Walk

As you _____ with the _____ Holy Spirit, He _____ the divine nature of God _____ you and _____ you!

1. You _____ the Divine Nature
2. You _____ of the Divine Nature
3. You _____ the Divine Nature

