



TEXT SUMMARY

In this week’s text, [2 Peter 1:1-4](#), Peter opens his second letter with a glorious promise that God has, through His promises, provided us everything we need for “life and godliness.”

INTRODUCTION (OBSERVATION):

1. What do we learn about Peter and his audience in the first verse?
2. Peter wishes for God’s grace and peace to be bestowed on his readers in what? By what *means* has God “granted us all things pertaining to life and godliness”? (Did you see the repetition?)
3. To *what* has God called His people?
4. By what *means* has God granted to us His promises? (Although there are a couple of possible referents to the pronoun “which” in v. 4, Bible scholars think it is the nouns closest to the pronoun to which Peter refers.)
5. *Why* has God “granted us all things pertaining to life and godliness”?
6. What is the *source* of corruption in the world?

DISCUSSION (INTERPRETATION):

1. Peter’s language points to a relationship between the “glory and goodness” of God and His “precious and very great promises” (v. 3-4). How are the goodness and glory of God a *means* by which He grants us His promises?
2. How can we – mere mortals, and broken ones at that – become “partakers of the divine nature” (v. 4)?
 - What are some of God’s attributes (essential characteristics) in which we *cannot* share because we are human?
 - What are some aspects of His nature that we *can* share in?

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