

NOTES: Jesus People | Equipped
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2 Peter 1:3-5

V. 3

HIS – Christ

DIVINE POWER – Authority to forgive, to redeem the sinner through the work of the cross

EVERYTHING – all that exists

GODLY LIFE – translated "Good Worship" Romans 12. Everyday life, Whole life.

What Peter is trying to remind us of is, by the work of the cross and the power of the Holy Spirit, we have all that we need to escape this world's corruption caused by evil human desires.

God's grace is the source of a Godly life.

He invites us into this life

He empowers us for this life

He sustains us through this life

1) I have all that I need but I don't understand all that I have.

If we don't realize what we have, we can resign to the fact that we will never overcome.

A defeated struggling life is not what Christ went to the cross to provide us with

Trust his work - Reminds us of who's we are which then informs us who we are.

- Tells us what to do in light of what He has already done

V.5

MAKE EVERY EFFORT to respond to God's promises

MAKE EVERY EFFORT – Efforts does not speak to work/task. It actually points to more of a disposition/approach/mindset. It is very strong language – Earnest, Haste, Zeal.

This goes deeper than just action, it speaks to our heart and mindset that informs action.

2) Be responsible for what you are responsible for.

Great question to ask ourselves. Q) What is mine to do? This carries both freedom and responsibility.

This is the tension of our grace-filled faith. We don't strive for salvation, we do strive towards Godliness.

There is nothing I can do to earn the gift of salvation but there are things I must do to steward the Gift of salvation.

This is not to gain acceptance or Love from God, this is responding to the Love and acceptance we already have.

We don't do things to get God to love us. When we realize how much God loves us, it changes the things we do

"Make every effort" is less about work and more about rest. This is not about manufacturing something inside us, the effort is walking in what is already inside of us because of God's great promise to us.

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Read 2 Peter 3:3-11

V.3 "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life."

When you read this, what does it tell you about your ability to overcome in life?

Where in your life right now are there areas that this promise needs to be applied?

V.4 "he has given us great and precious promises"

Take a few minutes to write out some of the promises we have received through salvation

Q) In looking at that list, how do these promises help us overcome the "Worlds corruption caused by human desire"?

V.5 " In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises."

Q) what are some ways we can "Make every Effort" to respond to God's promises?

Make every effort is speaking to a mindset more than as action meaning Haste, Zeal, Earnest.

Q) Why do you think this distinction is important?

Peter gives us a list of things to add to our faith:

Moral Excellence

Knowledge

Self-Control

Patient endurance

Godliness

Brotherly Affection

Love for everyone

Q) How do these qualities help us in our faith?

Q) Which quality do you sense you need to grow in the most?

Think of one way this week you can make every effort to grow in one of the character qualities listed. Write down a specific thing you will do this week to improve in that area and then be diligent to accomplish it.