

## II Peter 1:3-4

### I. Introduction:

A. We are going to be talking about a few words today that we must make sure we know the meanings of before we proceed. Consider an application from Paul in talking about speaking in tongues (**I Corinthians 14:6-11**).

1. The term translated “divine” [θεῖος] in our two verses today appears in one other context in the New Testament (**Acts 17:29**).

a. “Godlike (neuter as noun, divinity): - divine, godhead” (Strong’s # 2304).

b. “An adjective; 1) a general name of deities or divinities as used by the Greeks; 2) spoken of the only and true God, trinity; 2a) of Christ; 2b) Holy Spirit; 2c) the Father” (Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon).

2. The term translated “power” [δύναμις] has various definitions. We see the word translated “wonderful works” (**Matthew 7:22**), “mighty works” (**Matthew 11:20**), “power” in the miraculous sense (**Acts 1:8**), “miracles” (**Acts 2:22** and **I Corinthians 12:29**), “power” as in authority (**Acts 4:7**), or even “strength” (**Revelation 3:8**).

3. We are going to talk about “divine nature.” Nature meaning “nature” and as it is used in what is natural (i.e. **Romans 1:26**, **Romans 2:27**, **I Corinthians 11:14**, **Galatians 2:15**, etc.).

B. In brief, we are going to talk about how God has fully equipped us to behave ourselves in a godly manner (**II Timothy 3:14-17**).

1. To take on His nature, which is holy (**I Peter 1:13-16**), through what the Scriptures provide (**I Thessalonians 4:1-7**).

2. Thus, we are capable of being followers [imitators] of God (**Ephesians 5:1**). As He is in character (**Matthew 5:48**, **Luke 6:35-36**, **I John 2:3-6**, etc.).

### II. Body: II Peter 1:3-4

A. His divine power he has given us... (**Matthew 28:18-20** and **John 16:3-15**).

1. From the direct, miraculous, revelation to the Apostles (**John 14:25-26**); down to the continuation of teaching from man to man (**II Timothy 2:2**).

2. Through the divinely revealed word we have been fully equipped to be His people (**Titus 2:11-14**; cf. **Luke 4:4** and **John 6:63**).

B. All things that pertain to life and godliness through knowledge (**I Timothy 4:6-8**).

1. For whatever we say or do (**Colossians 3:16-17**).

2. His word lighting the path for us (**Psalms 119:97-105**).

C. Called to glory (**I Peter 5:10**) and virtue [praises] (**I Peter 2:5-9**).

1. Seeking now the glory to come (**Romans 2:6-7**).

2. Enduring the trials of this life, through faith, to be found unto praise and honor and glory (**I Peter 1:7-9**).
- D. Exceeding great and precious promises (**Hebrews 6:9-12**).
1. Consider a few things saints are promised... **Matthew 16:24-27**, **Romans 8:31-39**, **I Corinthians 15:57**, **II Corinthians 4:8-5:1**, **II Corinthians 13:11**, **Ephesians 1:3-12**, **I Peter 3:10-12**, etc.
  2. Being motivated by those promises enough to live aright (**II Corinthians 6:14-7:1** and **I John 3:1-3**).
- E. Being partakers of the divine nature (**Ephesians 4:23-24**).
1. Getting the right mindset aligned with the right actions (**Colossians 3:1-10**).
  2. As we addressed earlier in the lesson, imitating our moral God in being just and right (cf. **Deuteronomy 32:4**).
- F. Having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (**Colossians 1:12-14**).
1. No longer living according to the lusts of the flesh (**Ephesians 2:1-10** and **I Peter 4:1-5**).
  2. Don't turn back (**II Peter 2:20-22**; cf. **Proverbs 26:11**).

III. Conclusion: Our next lesson: **II Peter 1:5-11**