

# God calls us to His eternal Kingdom and implores us after we're born again to receive much more of His nature to make that calling secure

2 Pet 1:1-11 ...To those who have received like precious faith with us (this is to born again Christians. Faith is from God, we put it into action, and it's our connection with God) by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: (each word God speaks is righteousness and faith to believe each word comes when our hearts hear God's voice).

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and so of Jesus our Lord (Jesus, the word, is the knowledge of God and is grace and peace)

3 His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life (God's own life or nature in us) and godliness (the divine ability to please God MSGE) through the knowledge of Him (by the words He reveals to us and which enter our hearts) who called us to share His own glory (likeness) and virtue (His divine courage),

4 In this way He has given us exceedingly great and precious promises (His living words spoken to us by His Spirit) that by these you may share His divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through (our own nature of ) lust.

5 To receive these (His nature and escape ours) with all diligence, add to your faith (by receiving it, just like faith, from God's words) virtue (courage to exercise faith), to virtue knowledge (always getting to know God better by His revealed words),

6 To knowledge self-control (able to restrain self by God's words and His Holy Spirit of self-control in us), to self-control patience (the patience of the scriptures in us, that is Christ's patience) to patience godliness (God working in us by His word and Spirit, so that we know and can do what is well pleasing in His sight – Heb 13:21).

7 To godliness brotherly kindness (tenderness toward believers), and to brotherly kindness love (God's ceaseless will in us, that through our prayers, praise and preaching seeks to impart His good nature to save people from their corrupt nature)

8 Because if these things (these attributes of God) are in you (in your heart) and abound, you will be neither barren (empty) nor unfruitful (devoid of sharing them) in the (revealed) knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (and hence of God).

9 For those who lack these things are (spiritually) blind and have forgotten that they were cleansed from their past sins (when the eyes of their heart were first opened, and they were born again – but they have since closed their spiritual eyes).

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure (meaning our eternal destiny hinges on this), for if you do these things you will never stumble (back into the sin of self-will and so put in jeopardy our salvation);

11 God will abundantly welcome you to (NIV) and keep you in the way (literal) of the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (our call secure).