

## Partakers of Divine Nature

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### Introduction

1. 2 Peter 1:3-4
2. "Nature" is a common expression
  - a. We use it in many ways, "that's human nature," or "according to nature."
  - b. In this passage it means, "the sum of innate properties and powers by which one person differs from others."
3. There are other kinds of nature
  - a. There are "ungodly" natured people 2 Peter 2:5-6
  - b. There are by nature children of wrath Ephesians 2:3
  - c. There are some who have a devilish nature John 8:44
4. We have been called to be partakers of divine nature 2 Peter 1:3-4
5. The "divine nature" of our passage is one that is conditional! Let us see why

### II Discussion

1. We have the possibility to become "sons of God."
  - a. We do have that power John 1:12
  - b. God does want all men to be saved 2 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Hebrews 2:9
  - c. By love 1 John 3:1-3
  - d. By faith Galatians 3:26-27
  - e. Those led by the Spirit Roman 8:14
2. We have requirements for being partakers of this "divine nature."
  - a. We must "escape the corruptions that is in the world." 2 Peter 1:4
  - b. This was done when we were "purged from our old sins 2 Peter 1:9
  - c. We must be delivered from the "pollutions of the world" 2 Peter 2:20
  - d. This is all dependent upon our "knowledge" 2 Peter 1:3-4, 8; 2:20; 1 Peter 1:22
  - e. Thus this is not done through dreams, visions, or a direct operation of the Holy Ghost
3. We will manifest this divine nature (Christ-like-ness)
  - a. The right values 2 Peter 1:5-7
  - b. On keeping on being saved 2 Peter 1:10-11
  - c. Abstaining from fleshly lust 1 Peter 2:11
  - d. Holy conduct 2 Peter 3:9; Hebrews 12:14
  - e. Delight in being called the people of God 1 Peter 2:9-10
  - f. Praying 1 Peter 3:12
  - g. Being ready when the Lord comes again 2 Peter 3:11,14
  - h. Love 1 John 4:7; Matthew 7:12
  - i. Righteousness 1 John 2:29; 3:7
  - j. Mercy Ephesians 2:4; Matthew 5:7; Luke 6:36
  - k. Longsuffering Ephesians 4:2
    - l. Forgiveness Ephesians 4:32 to err is human, but to forgive is divine

### III Conclusion

1. The consequence of a corrupt nature is terrible!
2. Godly men shall be blessed Galatians 6:7-8
3. The possibility of being changed by God's Word is a marvelous thing
4. To be partaker of divine nature is to be with God in heaven
5. Will you partake of the challenge to be a partaker of divine nature?
6. Have you partook of divine nature but quit? Come back

Sources: The key of knowledge sermon outlines from 2 Peter by T. Holland Porter sermon outline