

Partakers of Divine Nature

Keith Dixon
June 26, 2022
Gray

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 Peter 3:9
 - 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
 - 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

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