

Treasuring His Word...
From the Pastor's Heart:

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust” (2 Peter 1:2-4).

The old hymn says, “While passing through this world of sin, and others your life shall view, be clean and pure without, within, let others see Jesus in you” (1991 Baptist Hymnal # 571). The hymn is not encouraging us to do something that is out of our reach. As a matter of fact, passages like the one above express that our lives are to take on God’s very nature. Verse 3 tells us that we have everything we need to be godly by the power of God Himself.

The reason many Christians of today live in defeat, is because they do not believe the Word of God. Another reason is that they are not willing to invest their lives in Christ enough to see His power do a work in their hearts. But God in His grace has granted to us His incredible promises that not only bless our lives beyond all measure when we live by them, but they also are used by Him to shape His very own divine nature within us.

Let me challenge you today to start with one of His precious and magnificent promises, and see what God will do. You may choose one like Matthew 6:33 which says, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” The world is constantly worried about pursuing and attaining that which they perceive will satisfy them in this physical realm. But God calls His children to pursue the things of His kingdom. Here He promises that if we make living a righteous life our priority while serving in His kingdom, He will provide all that which is necessary to fulfill us in the physical realm. What an incredible promise! So while we live a life that naturally helps us stay focused on godly living, He has removed our felt need to be concerned about material things, for He has promised that He will supply those. Praise the Lord! Escape the corruption that is in the world today!