

2 Peter 1:3-4

“According as his divine power (*sanctification through Godlike Power*) **hath given** (*past action at the time of our conversion*) **unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness** (*godly living*), **through the knowledge of him** (*a relationship with God and Jesus Christ through our union with Him as in verse 2 – Phil. 4:13*) **that hath called us** (*past action relating to initial salvation – 1 Pet. 1:15*) **to glory and virtue** (*to reflect the shining splendor or excellence of Jesus Christ through the virtues of moral excellence and goodness*): **Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises** (*Gospel and salvation promises – regeneration, redemption, imputed righteousness, eternal life*): **that by these** (*with this result*) **ye might be partakers** (*co-sharers, partners, participants*) **of the divine nature** (*sanctification through the Godlike Nature – sharing the essential and inherent characteristics of God – not the essence of God – through being united to Christ*), **having escaped** (*a liberation that occurs at conversion*) **the corruption that is in the world through lust”** (*through sharing the Godlike power and nature we have been delivered from the moral decay of the world system which is compared to a prison from which we have been delivered*).