

2 Peter 1:1-21

Pastor Brauer

Read 2 Peter 1:1-2.

To whom did Simon Peter address this letter?

Read 2 Peter 1:3-11.

Why did God call us to faith?

What has God's divine power done for us?

Let's name some of the precious and very great promises God has given us.

...that you might participate in the divine nature...

That obviously does not mean that we become God. So what does it mean?

What is the opposite of *participating in the divine nature*?

How do verse 5 ("make every effort") and verse 3 ("he has given everything") fit together?

Either describe or give an example of each quality mentioned in verses 5-7.

If anyone is lazy and unproductive in adding these qualities, what does that say about him?

Some say that verses 10-11 teach salvation through our efforts. How do you respond?

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Read 2 Peter 1:12-18.

Remind, memory, remember. Comment on the importance of those words.

What is Peter's point in verses 16-18?

What truths about Jesus does Peter remind us about in verses 16-18?

Read 2 Peter 1:19-21.

Why would Peter call the word of the prophets *more certain*?

What image does Peter use to teach us what the word does?

Peter teaches verbal inspiration. What is that?

“Peter teaches why we should do good works, namely, that we confirm our calling, that is, that we do not fall from our calling by lapsing again into sin. He says: ‘Do good works so that you remain in your heavenly calling, lest you fall away and lose the Spirit and his gifts, which you have not received because of your subsequent works but which have come to you by grace through Christ and which you retain through faith! Faith, however, does not remain in those who lead a wicked life, lose the Holy Spirit, and reject repentance.’”

(Tappert: Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article 4, quoting the Apology, Article 20)