



Enemies of Truth
“The Value of Your Salvation”

2 Peter 1:3-4

Many followers of Jesus have a limited understanding of their salvation. When we think about our salvation we think in terms of final destination - heaven. While that is pretty awesome and we are eternally grateful for our future home with the Lord in heaven, we may not realize the value of our salvation presently.

Our salvation is of greater value than just escaping eternity apart from God. In **2 Corinthians 9:8**, the apostle Paul makes an amazing statement of the overwhelming, generous sufficiency of our salvation: ***“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may an abundance for every good deed...”***

The unfortunate reality for many Christians is they often think God somehow reluctantly gives His grace. He may have given them enough grace for justification but not enough grace for sanctification. Or some believers have been taught that they received enough grace for justification and sanctification but not enough for glorification, and thus fear they may lose their salvation. Even if they believe there is enough grace for final glorification, many Christians still feel there is not enough grace for them to handle life’s problems and trials. Consequently, they look elsewhere for spiritual resources to cope. There is no reason whatsoever to doubt the sufficiency of God’s grace! (***cf. Colossians 2:8-10***)

Peter teaches us four major components that highlight the value of our salvation: divine power, divine provision, divine procurement, divine promises.

1) The divine power of your salvation. (2 Peter 1:3a)

The sufficiency of our salvation is not based in us. There is no power from within our flesh that makes our salvation sufficient. The power we have within us for salvation is derived from **His divine power**.

2) The divine provision of your salvation. (2 Peter 1:3b)

Inconsistency in the spiritual walk causes many Christians to think that even after receiving salvation something is missing for the sanctification process. This error in thought causes believers to seek “second blessings,” “spirit baptisms,” tongues, mystical experiences, special psychological insights, private revelations, “self crucifixion,” the

“deeper life,” heightened emotions, demon bindings, and some combination of these in an attempt to attain what is supposedly missing from their spiritual resources.

All manner of ignorance and Scripture twisting accompany those foolish pursuits, which at their corrupt roots are failures to understand exactly what Peter says here.

Christians have received **everything** in the form of divine power necessary to equip them for sanctification; they have it all.

3) *The divine procurement of your salvation. (2 Peter 1:3c)*

So, with God’s power and provision being granted to us, we are faced with the question, “How do we experience those to the fullest?” Peter tells us, **through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.**

When God draws sinners to Himself, they see not only Christ’s **glory** as God, but also His **excellence** as man. All salvation’s blessings, power, and provision come only to those who see and believe the words and acts of the sinless God/Man.

4) *The divine promises of your salvation. (2 Peter 1:4)*

By these attributes of glory and excellence, Jesus has accomplished all that is necessary for a believer’s salvation. He also **granted to them His precious and magnificent promises.** The term **has granted** is from the same verb (*doreomai*) that occurs in verse 3, again in the perfect tense to describe past action with continuing effects.

Peter describes all the salvation promises in Christ as **precious** (*timios*) meaning, “valuable” and **magnificent** (*megistos*), meaning, “greatest.” These words include all the divine **promises** for God’s own people that are contained in the Old and New Testaments such as: spiritual life, resurrection life, the Holy Spirit, abundant grace, joy, strength, guidance, help, instruction, wisdom, heaven, eternal rewards - just to name a few.

Partakers (*koinonos*) is often translated “fellowship,” and means, “**sharer**” or “**partner.**” The true Christian in this life, partners in the very life that belongs to God.
(cf. John 6:48-51)

We are partakers of the divine nature through the working of the Holy Spirit in us. One of the best examples we have as to what is produced in us as a result of this divine nature is found in **Galatians 5:22-23** and commonly referred to as the fruit of the Spirit.