

STUDYING 2 PETER



4: You Have What It Takes

Study 2 Peter 1:3 – 4.

First be sure that you have understood all the words in the verse. If there are any words you are not sure about find out what they mean.

Next, think about the key phrases one by one. What ideas does each of these phrases put across? Remember, comparing some different Bible translations can often help with this.

“all things that pertain to life and godliness”

“Him who called us by glory and virtue”

“partakers of the divine nature”

“the corruption that is in the world through lust”

Now ask and answer all the questions that come to mind about the verse. Don't forget to think about your own questions — these are just to get you started.

Verse 3 appears to continue the sentence started in verse 2. How are the two verses linked?

Why does Peter say “*His divine power*” has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness?

What is the relationship between having all things that pertain to life and godliness and knowing Him?

What does Peter mean when he says Jesus called us?

What has glory and virtue got to do with us being called?

What are the exceedingly great and precious promises that Peter has in mind?

What would it be like to be a partaker of the divine nature?

Why do we need to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust?

Then try to bring together what you have learned.

What is the main purpose of the verse?

What other things have you learned from it?

Lastly, try to apply what you have learned from these verses to your own circumstances. When you study the Bible your first goal must be to understand what the original writer meant to say and what his words would have meant to the people who first read them. But that is only your first goal — you must always go on to ask, how does this apply to me?

What difference should what you have learned make to you in the future:

at home?

at work?

over the next few weeks?

tomorrow?