

Precious Promises

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Divine nature - not in a literal sense

- “By availing themselves of these precious and exceeding great promises they are privileged to share in the divine nature -- ***the holy character which God possesses.***
- The chastening and disciplining to which children of God are subjected in this life is for the purpose of enabling them to be “partakers of his holiness” (Woods)

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Having escaped the world's corruption

- **Escaped** the effects of sin
- **Having escaped** depicts a successful flight from danger, the sinfulness of the decaying world, and its final destruction

Another Precious Promises

- ***Promise to return (2 Pet. 3:1-14)***
 - Some were questioning it (2 Pet. 3:3-4)
 - He argues:
 - Fire is held back like water was before the flood (2 Pet. 3:7)
 - Time means nothing to God (2 Pet. 3:8)
 - God is patiently waiting (2 Pet. 3:9)

What will happen?

- He'll come back unexpectedly
(2 Pet. 3:10)
- Heavens will pass away (2 Pet. 3:10)
- Elements will melt (2 Pet. 3:10)
- Earth and its works will be burned up
(2 Pet. 3:10)
- We'll enter the new heaven and earth
(2 Pet. 3:13)

What manner of persons?

- Holy (2 Pet. 3:11)
- Expecting (2 Pet. 3:10)
- Diligent, peaceful, without spot and blameless (2 Pet. 3:14)

**What is
precious
to you?**