

God's Provision, Our Responsibility

II Peter Series – Part 2

Scripture text – II Peter 1:3-11

Introduction

- Recalling from last week, this is Peter's _____ letter.
- In today's passage, Peter is going to remind us what God has _____ for us through his Son. This is followed by what _____ must do in response.

Part A: God's Provision

1. God has given us everything we need for _____ & _____.
 - By "life," Peter means _____ life.
 - However, in the Bible, "life" usually includes both quantity and _____.
 - God has provided everything we need to live a life of _____, _____ and _____.
2. God has given us everything we need for being "partakers of the _____ _____."
 - We don't _____ God, but rather come to share some of his essential qualities.
 - Most notably his _____, as well as the ability to resist _____.

The Big Picture*

- There are 4 parts to the biblical story. Each part is characterized by a certain _____ or inability.
 1. **Creation:** Man _____ to sin (*posse peccare*)
 2. **Fall:** Man _____ able not to sin (*non posse non peccare*)
 3. **Redemption:** Man able _____ to sin (*posse non peccare*)
 4. **Consummation:** Man _____ able to sin (*non posse peccare*)
- This means that, as redeemed people, we ought to be experiencing greater _____ and increasing victory over sin.

Part B: Our Responsibility

- Peter's argument:
 1. It's possible to be _____ and unfruitful in your Christian life.
 2. Avoiding this requires significant & sustained _____.
 3. The goal is _____.

One Last Thing

- The effort that's required is accomplished in, through and by God's sovereign _____.
- This is one of the most difficult things for a pastor to explain; namely, the interplay between God's power and our _____.
- At FBC, we _____ both.

*This chart goes all the way back to Saint Augustine (354-430 AD), widely-regarded as 1 of the 4 greatest theologians in the history of Christianity.