



We've been called to become like Jesus.

I. He has given us everything we need for godly living. (3-4)

A. His divine power

B. Jesus' example

C. Promises

II. Make every effort. (5-7)

A. Personal Cost

B. Qualities that are characteristic of Jesus.

How does this apply to me?



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INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

TRUTH VS. MYTH

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

What is true? Truth is debated not only in the academic world of philosophy, history and science, but in the private world of each of our souls. Can we trust what the Bible says? How is it different from the writings of other great thinkers? Is the Bible similar to other wisdom literature used by other faiths? If it is God's word, how reliable is it?

As Peter writes this letter, he knows he will soon be executed. So he tackles these critical questions with brilliant succinctness through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. These words are essential for every believer to understand today.

Peter addresses the trustworthiness of the Word; both living and written. He explains that he, along with the other apostles, were eyewitnesses of the power and glory of Jesus Christ, who is the Living Word. They even heard the voice of God audibly claim that Jesus is His beloved Son. The Father is well pleased with Jesus. There is no fault, no error, nothing missing in the Son. Peter, along with James and John, personally saw Jesus resplendent in glory when He was transfigured. Peter was an eyewitness of Jesus' life and truth.

Secondly, Peter explains that the Scriptures are completely true. They are not merely the musings of wise men. They are the very words of God. Prophets were used by the Spirit of God to communicate the words of God. They did not write their own thoughts, nor did they personally determine what to write. The words they penned were written by the Spirit, through the pens and personalities of the human instruments in His hand.

The Bible is trustworthy and true. We can stake our lives on it.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

2 Peter 1:16-21



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