

# Making One's Calling and Election Sure

## Part 1

***“Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (Peter 1:2-11)***

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. As you trust God and live your life for Him the grace of God and His peace will reign in your heart and life being rooted and build up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. You will be the great blessing of God as you remain in Christ and His Word remains in you. ***“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.” (John 15:7)***

***His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness:*** His grace for us has given us all what we need. Before we reach the point of need His provision is there for us; but His provision for us is given to sustain us and to maintain our life in godliness. In other word if you want to live a godly life for God you will find His provision is there beside you. But if you live your own lifestyle which is away from God's plan and purpose you will not find that provision there that will make your life easy and effective.

***Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises:*** The question that we may ask is this: *‘How we can receive God grace and provision in times of need?’* We receive His provision through His promises that we read and have in the Bible. ***“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)*** But in every promise of God there is a condition. The promise of God will not be fulfilled unless you had obeyed the condition that God had put to fulfill that promise. For example let us read

this promise, ***“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Mathew 6:33)*** The promise of God here in this verse, that all these things around you that you like and wish will be added to you. But what you need to do is to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, to live and dedicate your life to God, then all what you need shall be added to you. The promises that God give us are His way to nurture us and to discipline us to live and to be in the truth. Therefore through them we may achieve the following things:-

***A. Participate in the divine nature:*** When you stand firm on the Word of God and the sound teaching that we have from the Bible you will be a divine vessel of God where the Holy Spirit lives in you and you can proclaim, ***“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)*** And you will be the good example to others and you can say to the them, ***“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)*** As well as, ***“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me -- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:9)*** In such a way you will be an instrument in the hand of God to reach others and to impart His grace and His Salvation to them. ***“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:20)*** Therefore, ***“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.” (Romans 6:13)*** In obeying God and His Word we become part of the divine nature that God would use for His glory. ***“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:13)***

***B. Escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires:*** In observing and obeying the commands of God and His conditions in His promises, then we are in the safe way, protected and spared unnecessarily troubles, hardships, sufferings and tears. The promises of God teach us to say, “No” to sin, ***“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,” (Titus 2:11-12)*** The promises of God teaches us to say “No” to lies, stealing, cheating, boasting, gossiping, slandering, usury, immorality, drinking, gambling, etc. God's promises are God's protection for us.

***My Dear and Beloved:*** What Apostle Peter meant in saying, ***“Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord”*** is clear to us now. His Word and His promises lift us up and sustain us and protect us and provide for us the atmosphere that would help us to live our lives for God as we agree to pray.

***My Prayer:*** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord guides me with your Word and sustains me to obey all your commands and decrees, and to live my life for being part of your divine power. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*