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## **“Promises” (6)**

*“... [God.] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.” (2 Peter 1:4)*

### **Promise of Progress**

**Proverbs 15:24** – “The path of life leads upward for the prudent, that he may turn away from Sheol beneath.”

**Proverbs 4:18-19** – (18) “But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. (19) The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.”

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18** – (17) “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (18) And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

**Ephesians 4:13** – “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:” (KJV)

### **Passive/Participatory Progress**

**Philippians 1:6** – “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

**Philippians 2:12-13** – (12) “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, (13) for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

**2 Peter 1:3-11** – (3) “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, (4) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having

escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (5) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, (6) and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, (7) and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. (8) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. (10) Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. (11) For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

**Choose to walk the Path of Progress God Provided**

**Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I realize that God has equipped me to do His will? (Heb. 13:20-21)

Am I casual or progressive in how I think about and relate to Jesus?

(Phil. 3:12-15)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)