

## God's Provision

### 2 Peter 1:3-4

“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” (NIV, Emphasis Added).



Does God really care about us? Does he really see us every moment of every day? Does he see everything that happens to us, even before it happens? Does he really know when we are sad, angry, or hurt?

The above passage states that God's divine power has provided for us. This is the very power of God working on our behalf. It is not a power that originates or depends upon our own efforts. It is a power that originates from God.

This provision is not a partial provision-- it is a complete provision. It is everything we need for whatever we may face today. It has been said that we only use less than 10% of our brains to face the needs of the day. I wonder if it could be said that most of us only use less than 10% of the provision of the Spirit that God gives us for the day (c.f. 1 Corinthians 2:16, *Mind of Christ*). We often move through the day in our own power complaining we don't have enough time or resources for the challenges we face.

The truth is that within ourselves and our own strength we will always be operating in a deficit (lack). However, if we would open ourselves up to the provision of God, we would have everything, yes I said everything, we need for the day--Enough time and resources for what God directs us to be. No I didn't say you will have all the time and money to do everything you want to do, but you will have all your provision met in God to accomplish his will for your life.

His grace is sufficient (c.f. 2 Corinthians 12:9). Ask anything according to God's will and it will be given unto you (c.f. Matthew 7:7; John 15:7). God says, Ask and you shall receive. Ephesians 1:3 says we are blessed with every spiritual blessing. Once again the word does not say some spiritual blessings—it says every spiritual blessing. Do I need to go on?

If every (all) spiritual blessing is available to us each day, how is it that we don't experience every blessing? It is not because God





withholds them from us, but somehow we seem to walk right past them and don't see them or appropriate them in our lives. There appears to be at least three reasons we miss spiritual blessings. First, if we are unsaved we will not be able to see or appropriate spiritual blessings in our day. Second, if we are ignorant of God's truth regarding his provisions, we will not be able to see or appropriate spiritual blessings in our day. Third, if we

are walking in disobedience toward God we will not be able to see or appropriate spiritual blessings in our day. In each of these examples a person is blind to the things of God and is operating out of human effort, or selfishness, and not the power of God.

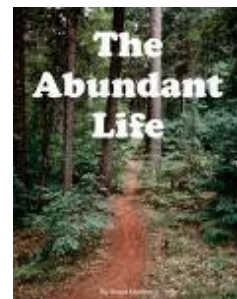
If we look back at our verse, we notice that it is God's "Divine Power" that is our sufficiency. This sufficiency has been granted to us. The provision is everything that we need for life. This is not only for life today for that would only be a partial gift or provision. His provision is for an abundant eternal life. It is the gift of everlasting life (complete life) fullness of life. Jesus said, "I come that you may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). And in that everlasting life all provision will be given each day for eternity. What an incomprehensible gift! Do you see his provision all around you this day? It is God who has called you—you did not call yourself. And God is faithful to complete (supply) the work he has begun in you (1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:24).

God promises to give us everything we need for godliness. He gives us every provision that we may walk in the very character and nature of God—the divine nature. We can walk as Jesus walked—in complete obedience to and communion with the Father. Actually we are commanded to do so (1 John 2:6). This abundant (not lacking) life is righteous, holy, reverent, godly, and obedient.

The procurement for this provision comes through the true knowledge of Christ. Not a superficial knowledge like knowing about someone, it is a knowledge that is deep, intimate, personal. (c.f. Mt. 7:21).

We are called into the light (glory) of Christ, and as he is revealed (manifested), we are asked to believe that Jesus lived, died for our sins, was buried, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven, is Lord, and will return for those who wait for him. Are you convinced that Jesus is who he says that he is and will do what he said he will do?

We can be like the Apostle Paul, who said, "I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor





anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39, NIV, emphasis added). Talk about being sure of where his provision comes from! He goes on to say, “I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day (2 Timothy 1:12, NIV, emphasis added). **Paul is sure (absolutely convinced) that he lacks no good thing!** (For further study see Ephesians 6:10-13).

We now walk in a new life with all of the provisions of God available to us each day to live life to the fullness and to live a life of godliness, holiness, and peace. All of these provisions are sealed, guaranteed with the promise of God. We are now partakers of the divine nature, drawn by God into the glory of Christ; secured by the promise of God, thus escaping the corruption (dying, decay, rotting) of this world that is driven by evil desires. What an abundantly generous God!

## What's Your Next Step?

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You are loved!

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