

THE DIVINE NATURE
(II PETER 1:1-11)

I. INTRODUCTION. (1,2)

1. The writer: Peter—an apostle and a servant. (1)
2. To whom written: those who had “obtained like precious faith...” (1)
3. Typical salutation: “...grace and peace...” (2)

II. THE DIVINE NATURE. (3-7)

1. God's complete provision. (3)
2. Our aim in life-- “The Divine Nature”. (4)
 1. Phil. 2:5-- “Let this mind be in you...”
 2. Colossians 3:1-3—Read from Bible.
3. **STEPS TOWARD THE DIVINE NATURE: (5-7)**
 1. **Virtue**. Defined as “firmness, courage, strength of character”.
 1. Matthew 26:69-75.
 2. Romans 1:16.
 3. I Peter 4:16.
 2. **Knowledge**. Defined as “acquisition of information”.
 1. I Peter: 2:1,2.
 2. II Timothy 4:13.
 3. I Timothy 4:13.
 3. **Self-Control**. Defined as “...to master the desires...”.
 1. Galatians 5:22,23.
 2. Galatians 5:19-21.
 4. **Patience**. Defined as “...steadfastness, faithfulness”.
 1. James 5:11.
 2. Revelation 2:10.
 5. **Godliness**. Defined as “...to be devout, God willed and not self-willed”.
 1. I Timothy 4:8.
 2. I Timothy 6:6.
 6. **Brotherly kindness**. Defined as “...to be interested in fellow Christians and willing to help them”.
 1. I Peter 1:22.
 2. I Peter 2:17.
 3. I Peter 3:8.
 4. I Peter 4:8-10.
 5. I Peter 5:5,6.
 7. **Charity (Love)**. Defined as “...to do what is in the best interest of the other person”.
“...to seek the good and welfare of all”.
 1. Galatians 6:10
 2. I Corinthians 13:4-7

III. RESULTS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. (8-11)

1. Faithfulness. (8)
2. Warning. (9)
3. Assurance. (10-11)