

SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Partakers of the Divine Nature

God has given believers His divine nature and power so they can live in holiness, grow diligently, remain anchored in truth, and strengthen the Church Body.

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Sunday, April 19, 2026	2 Peter 1:2-11

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 God has given believers His nature and ability to live as He calls them.

- God's divine power has already supplied everything that pertains to life and godliness. ([2 Peter 1:2-4](#))
- The Christian life is not sustained by human might, but by Christ living in His people. ([Galatians 2:20](#))
- God works within believers both to desire and to do what pleases Him. ([Philippians 2:12-13](#))

"You have given us your nature so that we can live what you have set before us."

STUDY [2 Peter 1:2-4](#); [Galatians 2:20](#); [Philippians 2:12-13](#)

02 Holiness is lived by cooperating with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

- Believers reckon themselves dead to sin and alive to God, refusing to let sin rule their bodies. ([Romans 6:6-14](#))
- Walking in the Spirit supplies freedom from the desires of the flesh. ([Galatians 5:16](#))
- Jesus gives abundant life while the enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy. ([John 10:10](#))

"All you have to do is cooperate."

STUDY [Romans 6:6-14](#); [Galatians 5:16](#); [John 10:10](#)

03 God calls His people into living relationship and encounter, not empty religious routine.

- Eternal life is knowing the Father and Jesus Christ personally. ([John 17:3](#))
- The Holy Spirit transforms believers from glory to glory as they behold the Lord. ([2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#))
- The blood of Jesus gives believers confidence to draw near with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith. ([Hebrews 10:19-22](#))

“We don’t want religion. We want that encounter.”

STUDY [John 17:3](#); [2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#); [Hebrews 10:19-22](#)

04 Spiritual maturity requires hunger for God’s Word, revelation, and teachability.

- Scripture equips the believer for every good work and keeps truth firmly established. ([2 Timothy 3:14-17](#))
- The Spirit of truth guides believers into truth and reveals what is to come. ([John 16:13](#))
- Noble believers receive the Word eagerly and search the Scriptures to confirm what they hear. ([Acts 17:11](#))

“That’s why we must become students of God’s Word and become hungry.”

STUDY [2 Timothy 3:14-17](#); [John 16:13](#); [Acts 17:11](#)

05 Partaking in the divine nature produces intentional, diligent spiritual growth.

- Faith is strengthened with virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. ([2 Peter 1:5-7](#))
- When these qualities abound, believers become fruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. ([2 Peter 1:8-11](#))
- Growth requires active diligence rather than a casual approach to the things of God.

“God’s divine nature. It’s yours.”

STUDY [2 Peter 1:5-11](#)

06 Believers remain anchored in truth while deception, lawlessness, and falling away increase.

- The coming of Jesus must not become an occasion for fear, confusion, or deception. ([2 Thessalonians 2:1-17](#))
- The faithful Lord establishes His people and guards them from the evil one. ([2 Thessalonians 3:1-5](#))
- God's people endure sound doctrine, remain watchful, and continue the work of evangelism. ([2 Timothy 4:3-5](#))

"Keep your eyes on him."

STUDY [2 Thessalonians 2:1-17](#); [2 Thessalonians 3:1-5](#); [2 Timothy 4:3-5](#)

07 Commitment to the Church Body creates room for fellowship, growth, and the operation of spiritual gifts.

- Believers stir one another toward love and good works by continuing to assemble together. ([Hebrews 10:24-25](#))
- Every member of the Church Body carries a God-given function that strengthens the whole. ([1 Corinthians 12:12-27](#))
- As each part does its share, the Church Body grows into maturity and builds itself up in love. ([Ephesians 4:11-16](#))

"This is not a drive-through church."

STUDY [Hebrews 10:24-25](#); [1 Corinthians 12:12-27](#); [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)

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How will you respond as a partaker of the divine nature?

Where have you been striving in your own strength instead of cooperating with God's power within you?

Which quality in 2 Peter 1:5-7 does the Lord want you to develop with greater diligence?

What practice will help you become more firmly anchored in God's Word and less vulnerable to deception?

How will you strengthen the Church Body through fellowship, service, or your spiritual gifts this week?
