

The Christian Life of the Last Days (or for any day)

1. Greetings (1:1-2)
2. The Development or Cultivation of Christian Character (1:3-21)
 - A. The Christian's Growth. 1:3-11
 - 1). All We Need Is From God. 1:3
 - 2). He Has Invited Us To Partake. 1:4

C.T./L.T. = For by these (glory and virtue) He has granted by decree (DWREOMAI) to us the precious (TIMIOS) even greatest (MEGISTOS) resultant promises (EPAGGELMA) in order that by these (promises) you might become (GINOMAI) partakers (KOINWNOS) of the Divine Nature (THEIOS + PHUSIS), having fled (APOPHEUGW) from the corruption (PHTHORA) that is in the world by lust (EPITHUMIA).

Summary:

1. Heed the call to His glory and virtue through the full knowledge of Christ and receive _____ blessing.
2. The blessing involves a realization of the “_____” He has given us for life and godliness.
3. We are the recipients of the most precious and greatest promises to date.
 - A. “Precious” is a word that describes valuable _____.
1 Cor 3:12; Rev 17:4; 18:12,16; 21:11,19
 - B. And the _____ of Christ. 1 Pet 1:18-19
 - C. The greatest promises to date are for the _____ Family of God.
4. Accept them by faith and have _____ with God Himself.
5. The Promises include:
 - A. The Baptism, Indwelling and, Filling of the Holy Spirit.
Luke 24:49; Eph 1:13-14
 - B. The Indwelling of _____. Gal 4:19
 - C. _____. 1 Pet 2:9; 2 Pet 3:4 (Rapture)
 - D. _____. Acts 7:17;
 - E. _____. Gal 3:29; 4:28; Heb 6:11-12; 9:15; 10:36
 - F. The _____ Covenant. Heb 8:6
6. We receive these promises because we are _____ Christ, the Promised One.
7. To fully partake of the promises we must escape the lusts of the _____.
 - A. One must first escape the sentence of _____. Matt 23:33

- B. Then, flee _____. 1 Cor 6:18
 - C. Flee _____. 1 Cor 10:14
 - D. Flee from the love of _____. 1 Tim 6:9-11
 - E. Flee from _____. 2 Tim 2:22
 - F. The escape may take some _____ since we have to learn what to escape from and go to. 2 Pet 1:5-7
8. Fellowshiping with the Divine Nature will change your life because you will come to _____ your heavenly Father. Eph 5:1-3
- A. God's Sovereignty will lead us to _____.
1 Tim 6:13-15; Php 4:12
 - B. God's Righteousness will lead to _____.
Rom 1:16-17; 1 Thes 3:11-13
 - C. God's Justice will lead us to _____. Rom 2:11; Gal 3:28
 - D. God's Love will lead us to _____ relationships.
1 John 4:8; 2:7-11
 - E. God's Eternal Life will lead to _____.
John 11:25-26; Eph 6:18-20
 - F. Appreciating God's Omniscience leads to greater _____.
Col 2:1-3, 6-7
 - G. God's Omnipotence leads to _____.
Matt 28:18-20; 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - H. God's Omnipresence leads to _____.
Prov 15:3; Php 3:8-10
 - I. God's Immutability leads to _____. Heb 13:8; 6:19-20
 - J. God's Veracity leads to _____. Heb 6:17-18; 2 Cor 1:8-9
9. There are other promises awaiting _____. 2 Pet 3:13

Bearing One Another's Burdens

1. Introduction:
2. The Book of James addresses the role of the individual in the process of restoration. Jas 4:1-10
 - A. James asks a question and then answers it with a rhetorical question. Jas 4:1
 - B. He then lists four of the pleasures of humanity and the results of such pleasures. Jas 4:2-3
 - C. The result of these desires is a hostility toward God because one has become a friend of the world. Jas 4:4
 - D. God desires the fellowship of relationship. Jas 4:5
 - E. So He gives grace beyond salvation that is designed to bring down arrogance. Jas 4:6
 - G. When we look at these carefully, we can see that they are referring to areas of repentance from _____ which is the main cause of spiritual problems.
 - 1). Submit to God. (HUPOTASSW)

Principle: _____ your life under His authority.
 - 2). Resist the devil (ANTIST8MI) + Promise #1 = and he will flee from you.

Principle: Stand against the evil one in your _____.
 - 3). Draw near (EGGIDZW) to God + Promise #2 = and He will draw near to you.

Principle: Pursue a _____ with the Almighty.
 - 4). Cleanse your hands. (KATHARIDZO)

Principle: Remove overt _____ to sin.
 - 5). Purify your hearts. (AGNIDZO)

Principle: Adjust your life and soul to His holiness, removing _____.
 - 6). Be miserable. (TALAIPOREO) Jas 4:9

Principle: Undergo whatever difficulty is _____ to make the change.
 - 7). Mourn. (PENTHEO; "to mourn for, lament,") is used: Mark 16:10; Rev 18:11,15; Jas 4:9; 1 Cor 5:2; 2 Cor 12:21

Principle: Embrace the _____ emotions commensurate to the problem.

8). Weep. (KLAIO)

Matt 2:18; Luke 23:28; Rom 12:15; Jas 4:9; 5:1; Luke 7:13; 8:52; 23:28; Rev.5:5; cf. Acts 21:13

Principle: Take your emotions to the _____ if necessary.

9). Laughter into mourning, joy into gloom.

Principle: Reverse _____ emotional responses.

10). Humble yourselves + Promise #3 = He will exalt you.

Principle: Recognize you are in the _____ of the Lord.

H. The greater the depth and stranglehold that a trespass has on the Believer, the greater the _____ of the change of mind and correction.

I. Temptations that man has succumbed to that have become a lifestyle will stand in the way of true _____ and thus fellowship with God.

J. Resist the Devil, draw near to God and humble yourself and enjoy the promises:

A. The _____ will flee from you,

B. _____ will draw near to you,

C. _____ will be lifted up!