

## 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 indescribable blessing.
2. The blessing involves a realization of the everything He has given us for life and godliness.
3. We are the recipients of the most precious and greatest promises to date.
4. Accept them by faith and have fellowship with God Himself.
5. The Promises include:
6. We receive these promises because we are in Christ, the Promised One.
7. To fully partake of the promises we must escape the lusts of the world:
  - A. One must first escape the sentence of hell. Matt 23:33
  - B. Then, flee immorality. 1 Cor 6:18
  - C. Flee idolatry. 1 Cor 10:14
  - D. Flee from the love of things. 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: Gal 6:1-5
2. The Book of James addresses the role of the individual in the process of restoration. Jas 4:1-10
3. People Are Emotional Beings: How Did Jesus Handle His Emotions?
  - A. When we seek to "bear one another's burdens" and thus "fulfill the law of Christ," we are frequently going to have to deal with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. We live in a society, although it is certainly not limited to this society, that wants to "\_\_\_\_\_" even when something legitimately painful happens.
  - C. Every emotion can be used to push us to a deeper awareness of our \_\_\_\_\_ on God.
  - D. It is okay to hurt and more than that, it's \_\_\_\_\_ to hurt, because it is evidence of life.
  - E. We must be careful that our immediate response is not to "end the pain," but rather to \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Jas 4:8
  - F. Christians are exhorted throughout Scripture to face all of reality with a trust in Christ. Denial is not designed to be part of the Christian life.
    1. What is the source of the emotions, i.e. what \_\_\_\_\_ them?
    2. What is their usefulness, i.e. what can we \_\_\_\_\_ from them?
    3. How should we handle them, i.e. what do we \_\_\_\_\_ with them?
4. What Triggers Our Emotions?
  - A. Some simplistic theories that offer quick relief are easy to be found:
    - 1). Bad behaviors cause bad emotions, so \_\_\_\_\_ up.
    - 2). Bad goals cause bad emotions; so \_\_\_\_\_ your life.
    - 3). Bad thinking causes bad emotions; so \_\_\_\_\_ right.
    - 4). Bad faith causes bad emotions; so \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual.
  - B. The strength of the urge to keep things simple partly reflects our abhorrence of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. There are two \_\_\_\_\_ of emotions:
    - 1). Pleasant-unpleasant emotions, and
    - 2). Constructive-destructive emotions.

- D. Pleasant-unpleasant emotions: God made us to be \_\_\_\_\_ beings.**
- E. Constructive-destructive emotions: Most of us are far more concerned with whether we like the way we feel than the \_\_\_\_\_ of our feelings.**
- F. What makes an emotion constructive or destructive?**
- 1). The answer is whether it is interfering with the two greatest commandments being \_\_\_\_\_ in our life.**
  - 2). Feelings should be evaluated to determine which \_\_\_\_\_ they fit.**
  - 3). Whether an emotion is constructive or destructive depends not on what happens to us, but on how we \_\_\_\_\_ respond to whatever happens.**
  - 4). Events in our lives \_\_\_\_\_ whether we feel "pleasant" or "unpleasant" emotions.**
  - 5). We then must \_\_\_\_\_ whether our feelings are constructive or destructive.**
  - 7). The presence of destructive emotions indicates that there is an \_\_\_\_\_ problem.**