

Developing Fruitfulness

2 Peter 1:1-8

The **power of God** has given us all things that pertain to **life and godliness**.

- God's *dunamis* has broken the power of death over us.
- His Spirit has imparted His nature to us.

We have been called to a life of **glory and virtue** through the **knowledge of God**.

- Knowledge - 1922 *epignosis* – recognition, discernment, acknowledgement - (overlying what is already *gnosis*) → revelation

We have access to His **divine nature** through the **promises of God**.

- Nature – 5449 *phusis* – growth through germination or expansion or lineal descent.
- We are born of God (John 1:12, 13) and we have His genetics.

The **divine nature of God** is our **escape from the corruption** that is in the world.

The kingdom is being restored:

- Divine nature → life, renewal, redemption, restoration, recovery

The world is under the curse:

- Corruption → degeneration, degradation, destruction, decay, death

The process to fruitfulness (v.8): [to become useful and productive]

Faith – 4102 *pistis* – persuasion, conviction, reliance; constancy; fidelity; assurance

Virtue – 703 *arete* – manliness (valor); excellence

Knowledge – 1108 *gnosis* – the act of knowing; science

Temperance – 1466 *egkrateia* – self-control

Patience – 5281 *hupomone* – endurance; (to stay under)

Godliness – 2150 *eusebeia* – piety; holiness; reverence;

Brotherly kindness – 5360 *philadelphia* – fraternal fondness and affection

Charity – 26 *agape* – moral love (the love of God)

The curse is barrenness and unfruitfulness!

- barren - 692 *argos* – useless; lazy; inactive; unemployed; idle
- unfruitful - 175 *akarpous* – without fruit

Only mature sons produce fruit and advance the kingdom through reproduction.