

problem:

Trying to become what we already are.

Trying to get what we already have.

Peter wrote this letter to encourage the saints to hold fast to the promises of the true Word of God even as heresy came from within the church

Text:**2 Peter as a whole**

written by Peter -

2 Pet 1:1 - special use of name not used in second century

2 pet 1:16-18 - personally was on the mountain

to same church as 1 Peter

2 Pet 3:1

by way of reminder to encourage the saints to stay true to the Word - 2 Peter 1:12-13; 3:1

in the midst of false teachers from within the church - 2 Pet 1:16; 2:2-2

You are a saint now because you know Him

2Pet. 1:1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, ¶ To those who have obtained (aorist) **a faith of equal standing** with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2Pet. 1:2 ¶ May grace and peace be multiplied to you in **the knowledge of God** and of Jesus our Lord. (God and savior one person - two nouns singular, personal common i.e. n to proper names connected by a kai (and)

are always the same - Granville sharp rule e- held up to grammatical scrutiny for over two hundred years)

you are a Saint now - Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:2; 2 Cor 1:1; Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col 1:2

because you know Him - 2 Peter 3:18; John 17:3

You are spiritual now because you know Him

2Pet. 1:3 ¶ His divine power has granted (perfect) to **us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

You are spiritual now - Colossians 2

because you know Him -

how can you know Him if you haven't seen Him? John 20:24-29 (John gives us a clue - Jn 1:1; Rev 19:13)

Peter told us - 1 Peter 1:3-9, 22-223

and is telling us again - 2 Peter 1:19-21

You can experience God now because you know His Word

2Pet. 1:4 by which he has granted (perfect) to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers (share in fellowship with) of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

called us to His own glory and excellence of which we are partakers now - 1 Peter 4:13; 5:1

you can experience God now

Col 3:1-14 - stop trying to become a saint and start acting like one

Col 3:18-25 - stop trying to become spiritual and start acting like one

Finally, do you want to experience the Divine Nature?

Col 3:15-17 - stop waiting for Him to speak and start listening to what He has spoken

Main Idea:

you are a saint now because you know Him
you are spiritual now because you know Him
you can experience God now because you know His Word

Implication:

stop trying to become a saint

Application: Col 3:1-14 - start trusting the Word and acting like one

stop trying to become spiritual

Application: Col 3:18-25 - start trusting you are spiritual and worshipping God in your ordinary everyday life

do you want to participate in the Divine nature now

Application: Col. 3:15-17 stop waiting for Him to speak to you and start listening to what He has spoken to you.

He made you a saint, He gave you everything you need to live for Him and He gave you His Word to participate in His Divine Nature- begin by thanking Him

Here are some articles for further clarity and study before your 242 group:

regarding our equal status as saints-

<http://www.justforcatholics.org/a50.htm>

regarding the proto-gnostics/gnostics and their heresy that continues today in the church-

<http://www.justforcatholics.org/a50.htm>

regarding our participation in the Divine Nature (or the Divine desires of God) through the Word of God

<http://www.justforcatholics.org/a50.htm>