

THE DIVINE NATURE

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As Christians we will all experience opposition from the enemy to the point of giving up, but Jesus gives us the solution to all the attacks, and that is submit yourselves to God resist the devil and he will flee from you. Our trust must be in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in order to overcome the enemy. 1. God gives us divine power to escape the corruption of the world

a. Divine power for a godly life

2 Pet 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (NIV)

b. The divine nature of Christ in us

Col 1:27

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (NIV)

c. The divine fragrance of his knowledge through us

2 Cor 2:14

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. (NIV)

God gives us this divine nature in that he might produce his holy life in us to distinguish us from the world.

The Hebrew meaning for DIVINE

2304 theios (thi'-os);

from 2316; godlike (neuter as noun, divinity):

KJV-- divine, godhead.

2316 theos (theh'-os);

of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with 3588) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: \

KJV-- X exceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

Scriptures associated with the word THEOS

God in us

Matt 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-- which means, "God with us." (NIV)

God upon us

Matt 3:16

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. (NIV)

The living God in us

Matt 16:16

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (NIV)

The God of all possibility in us

Matt 19:26

26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (NIV)

* Remember that error about the scriptures denies you the power of God

Matt 22:29

29 Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. (NIV)

2 Peter 1:5-7

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. KJV

And beside this, giving

The greek. word GIVING

3923 pareisphero (par-ice-fer'-o);

from 3844 and 1533; to bear in alongside, i.e. introduce simultaneously:

all diligence

The greek. word DILIGENCE

4710 spoude (spoo-day');

from 4692; "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness:

KJV-- business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

add to your faith

The greek. word FAITH

4102 pistis (pis'-tis);

from 3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:

KJV-- assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

virtue;

The Greek word VIRTUE

703 arete (ar-et'-ay);

from the same as 730; properly, manliness (valor), i.e. excellence (intrinsic or attributed):

KJV-- praise, virtue.

730 arrhen (ar'-hrane);

or arsen (ar'-sane); probably from 142; male (as stronger for lifting):

KJV-- male, man.

and to virtue knowledge;

The Greek word KNOWLEDGE

1108 gnosis (gno'-sis);

from 1097; knowing (the act), i.e. (by implication) knowledge:

KJV-- knowledge, science.

6 And to knowledge temperance;

The Greek word TEMPERANCE

1466 egkrateia (eng-krat'-i-ah);

from 1468; self-control (especially continence):

1468 egkrates (eng-krat-ace');

from 1722 and 2904; strong in a thing (masterful), i.e. (figuratively and reflexively) self-controlled (in appetite, etc.):

and to temperance patience;

The Greek word PATIENCE

5281 hupomone (hoop-om-on-ay');

from 5278; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: 5278 hupomeno (hoop-om-en'-o);

from 5259 and 3306; to stay under (behind), i.e. remain; figuratively, to undergo, i.e. bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: KJV-- abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, tarry behind.

KJV-- enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

and to patience godliness;

The Greek word GODLINESS

2150 eusebeia (yoo-seb'-i-ah);

from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme:

KJV-- godliness, holiness.

2152 eusebes (yoo-seb-ace');

from 2095 and 4576; well-reverent, i.e. pious:

KJV-- devout, godly.

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness;

The Greek word BROTHERLY KINDNESS

5360 Philadelphia (fil-ad-el-fee'-ah);

from 5361; fraternal affection:

KJV-- brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren.

and to brotherly kindness charity.

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The Greek word CHARITY

26 agape (ag-ah'-pay);

from 25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:

KJV-- (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

GOD'S DEFINITION OF LOVE

1 Cor 13:1-8

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are (NIV)