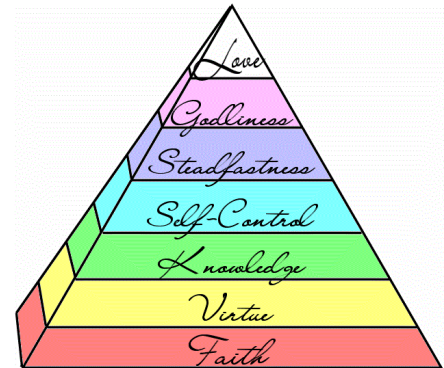


## 2 Peter chapter 1

In Genesis 1:27 we read “God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them”; why then does Peter suggest that through the work of Christ “you may become partakers of the divine nature”? [4]



2 Peter 1:2-7

In verses 1-4 Peter speaks of “precious promises” God made to us. What must we **do** in order to receive what was promised? [5-8] What benefit(s) do we gain by doing that? [9-11]

By what authority does Peter give these instructions? [12-21]

## 2 Peter chapter 2

Peter gives a frightening description of the judgment that will come upon false prophets and false teachers, and forceful warnings to us that we should not allow ourselves to be led astray by them. How can you tell whether a particular teacher or prophet is trustworthy? Do they set out to deliberately deceive, or are they themselves innocently misled, or are they simply ignorant?

## 2 Peter chapter 3

Verses 1-7 provide a specific example of false teaching that was leading people astray within the church. What was that teaching? What was Peter's response to it? [8-13]

Once again, what are we instructed to **do** in response to this understanding of the situation that Peter has explained for us? [14-18]

**Next week:** 1 John chapters 2, 3, and 4.

**Heresy:** an action or belief that opposes the official principles of a religion and is considered wrong.

Greek ἁϋρεσις (heresy): a system of philosophic principles, or those who profess such principles; sect, school, especially a religious party or sect: of the Essenes, the Sadducees and Pharisees, the Christians; generally a faction or party.