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Lesson 28: God's grace results in godliness: 2 Peter 1:3-7

To do: *Look up the related links mentioned in the notes. Jot down any thoughts or questions you have about these verses. Discuss each with your group, or reflect on them yourself.*

Glory: *doxa*: Christ's majesty, His absolutely perfect inward excellence

Excellence: *arête*: virtue, the sum of all desirable character qualities

Partakers of the divine nature: through the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:14-41; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20

Make every effort: applying with zeal: Compare with Gal. 5:22-23

Faith: *pistis*: conviction regarding truth, trust in Christ for salvation

Virtue: *arête*: excellence

Knowledge: *gnosis*: understanding

Self-control: have one's passions under control, holding oneself in

Steadfastness: perseverance, endurance, staying under

Godliness: live reverently, loyally and obediently, devotion toward God

Brotherly affection: *Philadelphian*: care for others' needs, kindness

Love: *agape*: sacrificial love for others, faith's ultimate result: Col. 3:14

Assignment: *Study this passage. What are some of Christ's precious and very great promises? Praise Him for His glory and excellence. Resolve in the power of the Holy Spirit to reflect Jesus Christ in all you say and do.*