

For If Ye Do These Things Ye Shall Never Fall

(Part 2)

I. Introduction:

A. It is a great thing to know that God will not, CAN NOT lie to us (**Hebrews 6:13-20**).

1. In a world wherein we cannot count on men (**Jeremiah 15:5-7**)...
2. We know God is dependable (**Deuteronomy 7:9**).

B. It is also a great thing to hope in things to come since things present are often not all that great (**John 16:33**).

1. Our hope is in the future (**Colossians 1:5-6**).
2. God's faithfulness allows us to at least know the good is to come for us though we find uncertainty in most things around us (**I John 5:11-13**).

II. Body: Through Knowledge Of God's Word We Have Exceeding Great And Precious Promises (**II Peter 1:1-4**).

A. Exceeding, great, precious promises (**I John 2:25; 3:1-2**).

1. Promises that someone else did the heavy lifting for us to obtain (**Romans 4:13-5:21**). **Be careful to keep this in context of whom it was written to with how we apply it to us.*
2. Promises we have available to us, even though we were not always deserving of them (**I Corinthians 6:9-11**).

B. Partakers of the divine nature (**Ephesians 4:23-24**).

1. The converted man is to take on the image of the Lord (**Colossians 3:10**).
2. Being imitators of God (**Ephesians 5:1-2**).
3. Understanding He did His part, be we must do ours (**II Corinthians 6:14-18**).

C. Having these promises... (**II Corinthians 7:1**).

1. Take on the divine nature in light of the promises ahead of us and the hope we have in those promises (**I Peter 1:9-17** and **I John 3:3**).
2. Don't throw it away (**Hebrews 10:35-39**).

D. Remember that we are those who have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (**Ephesians 2:1-10**).

1. Having escaped, arm your mind (**I Peter 4:1-5**).
2. Again, don't turn back (**II Peter 2:20-22**).

III. Conclusion: Now prepare for diligent efforts of spiritual growth (**Hebrews 12:1-17**).