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TEXT: 2 Peter 1:3 "Seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue.

INTRODUCTION:

1. In this lesson we will consider an exegesis of 2 Peter 1:3.
2. We will briefly examine the following points:
 - a. The Background of our study.
 - b. The Granter of the things we need.
 - c. The Recipients of the things granted.
 - d. The Things granted.
 - e. The Purpose for the things granted.
3. As we examine this lesson, let us keep in mind James 1:22.
4. Other speakers will consider the rest of chapter 1 and many other topics related to our spiritual growth.

THE BACKGROUND OF OUR STUDY.

1. 2 Peter was written at about 64-67 AD
2. Written by Peter who presents himself as the servant and apostle of Jesus Christ.
3. This letter is composed of three chapters, 61 verses.
4. The word knowledge appears 7 times throughout the letter.
5. **The central theme of 2 Peter can be stated as follow**, "The knowledge of Jesus Christ can help us to grow spiritually, overcome the false teachers and be ready for the second coming of Christ."
6. Since other speakers will focus on the rest of the verses from chapter 1, I will only focus on v. 3.

THE GRANTER OF THE THINGS WE NEED.

1. The context of 2 Peter 1:3 reveals that Jesus Christ is the one that has granted us all things that pertain to life and godliness.
2. Verse two ends with a reference to Jesus Christ. The pronoun "his" makes a reference to Christ.
3. The phrase "by His divine power" sustains the doctrine of the Deity of Christ (John 10:30; 8:58; 1:1-3; Colossians 2:9).
4. Peter speaks of Christ's divine power because he was a witness to this kind of power (The 9 signs of Jesus in the gospel of John).
5. God also gives us all things since every good gift comes from above (James 1:17).

THE RECIPIENTS OF THE THINGS GRANTED.

1. The word “us” is without any doubt a reference to Christians.
2. Christians are those who have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - a. They heard the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:17).
 - b. They believed in this gospel (Mark 16:16).
 - c. They repented of their sins (Acts 2:38).
 - d. They confessed Christ as the Son of God (Romans 10:9-10).
 - e. They were baptized in order to receive forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
 - f. And they are now living a faithful life in Christ (Philippians 2:12; 1 Corinthians 15:58).
3. The text says, *“that called us by his own glory and virtue.”* This call is through the gospel (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Acts 2:37-39).
4. As Christians we now live a new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4).

THE THINGS GRANTED.

1. Friends, we as Christians enjoy all the blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3).
2. Not only the blessings, but also all the things that we need to live a faithful life in Christ (2 Peter 1:3).
3. The Greek word for “all” is *pas* which means the totality of the things given. In other words, we do not lack anything!
4. *What are some of the things that He has granted unto us?*
 - a. **He has granted us a new life in Him.**
 - b. *The Bible tells us that we have a new life in Christ. We were dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1-4). We now walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17).*
 - c. **He has granted us the knowledge of His Word to know exactly what we must do to live a faithful and godly life in Christ.**
 - d. *The Bible tells us that Christians can know God’s Word (2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 3:4; 5:17; 2 Corinthians 1:13; 1 John 5:13). His knowledge reveals to us the things we must do to live a faithful godly life in Him. Through His knowledge He has told us what to do to be blessed (James 1:22-25; Luke 11:28; Revelation 22:14). Through the knowledge of the inspired Word we can be ready unto every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).*
 - e. **He has granted us the ability to live a holy life.**
 - f. *The Bible tells us that we can live a holy life in Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16; Hebrews 12:14; Romans 13:14; Galatians 5:16; We have what it takes to live a holy life (Psalm 119:11; Ephesians 6:17; Matthew 26:41).*
 - g. **He has granted us the divine encouragement to not ever give up!**
 - h. *The Bible tells us that we will suffer as Christians (2 Timothy 3:12; Philippians 1:29; Acts 14:22). We have God’s encouragement (Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20; Psalm 121:1; Romans 8:31, 36-39).*

- i. **He has granted us a spiritual family on whom we can rely on!**
- j. *The Bible tells us that we are part of the family of God (Ephesians 2:19). In this family we have brothers and sisters in Christ in whom we can trust to help us run the race that is set before us.*
- k. **He has granted us the hope of eternal life!**
- l. *The Bible tells us that we as Christians enjoy the hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2). This hope is found in Jesus Christ (John 11:25-26; Colossians 1:27; 1 John 5:11). After we obeyed the gospel we were added to the Body of Christ (Acts 2:47; Galatians 3:27). This hope is what keeps us alive and what keeps us working for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).*

5. As we can see, we have what it takes to live a faithful godly life in Christ.

THE PURPOSE FOR THE THINGS GRANTED.

- 1. ***To live a godly life/to grow spiritually (2 Peter 1).***
 - a. Life and godliness have to do with our spiritual life.
- 2. ***To overcome false teachers (2 Peter 2).***
 - a. The things Jesus and the Father have given us will equip us to be mature in Christ and to avoid not being deceived through false teachings.
 - b. False teachers are present today (cf. 1 John 4:1; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 John 9-11).
 - c. Through the knowledge of the Scriptures we can refute the error of false teachers.
 - d. We have what it takes to overcome false teachers.
- 3. ***To be ready for the second coming of Christ (2 Peter 3).***
 - a. The things we have that pertain to life and godliness will help us to be ready for the coming of the Son of God.
 - b. The Bible has made it clear that He will come back again (Matthew 24:36, 44; John 14:1-3; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 2 Peter 3:9-13).
 - c. Living a godly life in Christ will help us to abide in Him and also to not depart from Him ashamed at His second coming (1 John 2:28).

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