



Partakers of the Divine Nature

Isaiah 14:14 (KJV) — 14 I will ascend above the heights
of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Lucifer in heaven desired to be first in **power and authority**;
he wanted to be God, to have the rulership of heaven; . . .

(Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, p. 32.3)

Not content with his position, though honored above the heavenly host, he ventured to **covet homage due alone to the Creator**. Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of all created beings, it was his endeavor to secure their service and loyalty to himself. And **coveting the glory with which the infinite Father had invested His Son**, this prince of angels aspired to power that was the prerogative of Christ alone.

(Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 35.2)

“As man now is, God once was:

“As God now is, man may be.”

(<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/teachings-of-presidents-of-the-church-lorenzo-snow/chapter-5-the-grand-destiny-of-the-faithful?lang=eng>)

Because we have divinity within us, we can become like
our Father in Heaven. (ibid.)

There is a spiritual organism within this tabernacle [the physical body], and that spiritual organism has a divinity in itself, though perhaps in an infantile state; but it has within itself the capability of improving and advancing, as the infant that receives sustenance from its mother. (ibid.)

We have divinity within ourselves; we have immortality within ourselves; our spiritual organism is immortal; it cannot be destroyed; it cannot be annihilated. We will live from all eternity to all eternity. (ibid)

God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted Man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens...I say, if you were to see him to-day, you would see him like a man in form -- like yourselves, in all the person, image, and very form as a man....it is necessary that we should understand the character and being of God, and how he came to be so; for I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity, I will refute that idea, and will take away and do away the veil, so that you may see...and that he was once a man like us; yea, that God himself the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth the same as Jesus Christ himself did.” (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 6, p. 3, A discourse Joseph Smith, April 6, 1844)

1 Corinthians 9:24 (KJV) — 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

2 Peter 1:1–4 (KJV) — 1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1 Peter 2:7 (KJV) — 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is **precious**: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner

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1 Peter 1:19 (KJV) — 19 But with the **precious** blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 Peter 1:3–5 (KJV) — 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:13 (KJV) — 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

partaker = κοινωνός

(koinōnos)

2 Corinthians 1:7 (KJV) — 7 And our hope of you is
stedfast, knowing, that as ye are **partakers** of the sufferings,
so shall ye be also of the consolation.

Luke 5:10 (KJV) — 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were **partners** with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

Hebrews 10:33 (KJV) — 33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became **companions** of them that were so used.

1 Corinthians 10:20 (KJV) — 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have **fellowship** [companionship] with devils

θεός (*theos*) #2316

θεοῦ (*theou*)

Godhead

Acts 17:29 (KJV) — 29 Forasmuch then as we are the
offspring of God, we ought not to think that the
Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by
art and man's device.

θεοῦ (*theou*)

θεῖος (*theios*)

Romans 1:20 (KJV) — 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

θειότης (*theiotēs*): from *theios* which is from *theos*.

Colossians 2:9 (KJV) — 9 For in him dwelleth all the
fulness of the **Godhead** bodily

θεότης (*theotēs*)

Divine

Genesis 44:15 (KJV) — 15 And Joseph said unto them [his brothers], What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly **divine**?

Hebrews 9:1 (KJV) — 1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of **divine service**, and a worldly sanctuary.

λατρεία (*latreia*)

Romans 12:1 (KJV) — 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable **service**.

2 Peter 1:3–4 (KJV) — 3 According as his **divine** power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the **divine** nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

θεῖος (*theios*) adjective genitive, singular.

“Partakers of the divine nature.” Is this possible? Of ourselves we can do no good thing. How, then, can we be partakers of the divine nature?—By coming to Christ just as we are, needy, helpless, dependent. He died to make it possible for us to be partakers of the divine nature. He took humanity upon himself that he might reach humanity. With the golden chain of his matchless love he has bound us to the throne of God. We are to have power to overcome as he overcame. (*The Review and Herald*, April 14, 1904, par. 2)

To all he gives the invitation: “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (*The Review and Herald*, April 14, 1904, par. 3)

It requires prayer, it requires faith, it requires understanding, to become a partaker of the divine nature.

But as we obtain this experience we are not benefiting ourselves alone; we are giving to all around us an evidence that all may be partakers of the divine nature, all may be overcomers. (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 280.3)

All who are indeed united to Christ by living faith will be partakers of the divine nature. They will be constantly receiving from Him spiritual life, and they cannot be silent. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 443.2)

Every promise that is in God's Book holds out to us the encouragement that we may be partakers of the divine nature. This is the possibility—to rely upon God, to believe his Word, to work his works; and this we can do when we lay hold of the divinity of Christ. This possibility is worth more to us than all the riches in the world. There is nothing on earth that can compare with it. As we lay hold of the power thus placed within our reach, we receive a hope so strong that we can rely wholly upon God's promises; and laying hold of the possibilities there are in Christ, we become the sons and daughters of God. (*The Review and Herald*, January 14, 1909, par. 2)

He who truly believes in Christ is made partaker of the divine nature, and has power that he can appropriate under every temptation. He will not fall under temptation or be left to defeat. In time of trial he will claim the promises, and by these escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust.... (*Our Father Cares*, p. 62.3)

To make us partakers of the divine nature, heaven gave its most costly treasure. The Son of God laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and came to our earth as a little child. He pledged Himself to live from infancy to manhood a perfect life. He engaged to stand in a fallen world as the representative of the Father. And He would die in behalf of a lost race. What a work was this! ... I hardly know how to present these points; they are so wonderful, wonderful... (*Our Father Cares*, p. 62.4)

Will not the inducements presented before those who are running in the Christian race lead them to practice self-denial and temperance in all things, that they may keep their animal propensities in subjection, keep under the body, and control the appetite and lustful passions? Then can they be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 46.2)



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2 Corinthians 6:14 (KJV) — 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

