

**Zoe!**  
**Part 5: Building Quick, Building Strong!**  
***Slide Notations***

*He gave His life to give me mine, if I am willing to sacrifice the "self" part of mine to have His... Then I will be able to say, along with Him, "I have come that you may have life more abundant!"*

**Bold statement! Either nuts, or a partaker of the divine life that God has for people "binding themselves to Him!"**

**YAHOO!**

**2Peter 1.3,4** He, by his *divine power*, has *given to us* all things that pertain to life and godliness, thru the knowledge of him who called us to glory and virtue! Which is why he gave us exceedingly great and precious promises... *which make it possible for us to become partakers of the divine nature* since we have escaped the corruption that is in the world thru lust!

**2Peter 1.5-8** And beside all this... *speedily begin* to add to your faith; VIRTUE, and to virtue; KNOWLEDGE, and to knowledge; TEMPERANCE, and to temperance; PATIENCE, and to patience; GODLINESS, and to godliness; BROTHERLY KINDNESS, and to brotherly kindness; LOVE – *for if these things are in you, abundantly and abounding you will never be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ...*

**2Peter 1.9-10** But he that lacks these things is blind and cannot see very far ahead and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins... So... make speed brothers to make His invitation and your acceptance firm *for if you do these things you will never fall: trip, err, sin, fail, offend, stumble!*

**Precious promises for Zoe!** **1.** *It's possible for us to become partakers of the divine nature* since escaping the corruption in the world thru lust! **2.** *If these things are in you, abundantly and abounding you will never be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ...* **3.** *If you do these things you will never fall: trip, err, sin, fail, offend, stumble!*

With those promises on the table... there's nothing we shouldn't be willing to do to make them incarnational!

**Standing on the Promises...** To have a share, be a companion, to be a partner in the Divine Nature! To never be barren; inactive, unemployed, slow, idle or without fruit in our firsthand knowledge of Jesus! To never; not at all anymore, in no case fail; trip, err, sin...

*This is the divine nature of Jesus who, tempted in all points in the flesh, sinned not!* **Heb 4.15**

**As a Partaker... We make all speed, "bend all energy," to advance toward the objective...** Christianity cannot be a momentary gladness of salvation and then nothing... Salvation by faith doesn't exempt us from works, the grace of God doesn't absolve us of effort, we are partners in the build! Salvation is the foundation on which we speedily build with eternal "conglomerates," OR...

**"The flame is given to us by God without any labor on our part, but the oil it burns is provided by us thru study and good works so that the flame increases!" -Bengel**

**As a Partaker... It begins w/faith!** In our case the *certainty* that all we want/need is in Him/His Word/Way!

**As a Partaker... add virtue:** excellence & courage! Expert at living, courageous to death!

**As a Partaker... add gnosis/practical knowledge!** Knowing how and what to choose to live honorably!

**As a Partaker... "Self"-control!**

**Choose one:**  Passions completely subjugated to reason  Reason enslaved by passion  Reason fights but passion prevails  Reason fights and wins! *Last one; not passionless, no caving in, but passions under control!*

**As a Partaker... Hupomone: patience: steadfastness! Background of courage/confidence!** "For the joy set before Him... He endured the Cross..." **Heb12.2** What a billionaire is in the presence of a bragging millionaire... Disengaged... immoveable... secure...

**As a Partaker... Godliness: Eusebes: untranslatable!** Rightly worships God, rightly serves men.

**Of Socrates:** "would not take a step apart from the will of heaven, so just and upright never a trifling injury to man, so self controlled never chose the sweeter over the better, so prudent never failed to distinguish between better from the worse."

**Practical character of Christ!**

**As a Partaker... Brotherly kindness! Philadelphia!** There is a kind of religion that separates us from loving, serving, fellowshiping with brothers... this is not it... Divine nature is to draw near to "family!"

**AS a Partaker... Love!** Not just a nebulous concept, "all you need is love..." God is... add more and more of Him... and you add more and more of His nature! "Natural" to feel the urge to concentrate on the list... but resist... concentrate on these...

**Key concept #1: "As a partaker of the Divine life start building on your faith *right away* and build strong!"**

**Key concept #2: "If these things are in you, you will never be barren or unfruitful of your knowledge of Christ..."**

And we obtain grace and peace and life and godliness thru the knowledge of the One who called us!

**Key concept #3: "If these things are not in us we are fogged in, shortsighted and forgetful of what we were delivered from! So, make speed, to build on the foundation of your faith!**

**Close...**

"I will not be negligent to put you in remembrance of these things though you know them... **v12**

"It is right as long as I am alive to stir you up by reminding you... **v13**

"I am going to do whatever I can to make sure that you have these things to remember after I am gone... **v15**