

stimulating? If these kinds of things motivate you in a more positive or productive direction, then you can appreciate what it means to know that all the past is forgiven, that it will never be held against you, and that you can get up and move in the positive direction of growth in spiritual life and godliness!

G. The seventh foundational gift that Peter mentions is found in verse 4:

"Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

Peter tells us that God has given us very great and precious promises (the NASB says "precious and magnificent promises") in His Word. What are some of these promises?

There are so many precious promises! Let me mention only a few.

Psalm 37:23-24 If the LORD delights in a man's way,
he makes his steps firm;
24 though he stumble, he will not fall,
for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Psalm 55:22 Cast your cares on the LORD
and he will sustain you;
he will never let the righteous fall.

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 3:2-3 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has