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Our Spiritual Connection–Partakers of the Divine
Nature

The human nature of man is far from divine. But when we make a **Spiritual connection with Jesus**, the Bible states that we can be partakers of the Divine nature!

“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: Whereby are given unto us *exceeding great and precious promises, that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in this world through lust*”. II Peter 1.3&4

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season

If one were to ask other Christians what it means to have a ‘**divine nature**,’ most would say, “man can’t have a divine nature because we are **sinful human beings, and inherently evil**; only the members of the Godhead have a divine nature,” which is true. We humans are not born with a divine nature, however that’s not an excuse to sin, nor is it the end of the story.

The Strong’s Greek Bible Dictionary, entry # 2304, states: “the English word *Divine*, is a transliteration of the Greek word ‘Theios’ which means God-like, divinity, Godhead”.

Divine nature through a Christian metamorphosis

A restatement of **II Peter 1: 3,4**, assures us that we indeed can *be partakers of Christ’s Divine nature through the precious promises of our Lord Jesus*. Why is it that so many sincere Christians believe

that we are saved in our sins, and that our human nature cannot be subdued **through faith in Christ?** When we put on **Christ's robe of righteousness** a **radical change takes place.** We become connected to **Jesus the Divine, through the power of the Holy Spirit.** We pass from spiritual death unto life.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation... For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” II Corinthians 5:17&18, 21

Counsel from God's inspired messenger

“Christ's overcoming and obedience is that of a true human being. In our conclusions we make many mistakes because of our erroneous view of the human nature of our Lord. When we give **His human nature a power** that it is not possible for man

to have in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity. *His imputed grace and power* He gives to all *who receive Him by faith*.

The obedience of Christ to His Father was the same obedience that is required of man. Man cannot overcome Satan's temptations *without divine power to combine with his instrumentality*. So with Jesus Christ; He could lay hold of *divine power*:

He came not to our world to give the obedience of a lesser God to a greater, but as a man to obey God's Holy Law, and in this way He is our example. The Lord Jesus came to our world, not to reveal what a God could do, but what a man could *do through faith in God's power to help in every emergency*.

Man is, *through faith*, to be a partaker in the divine nature, and to *overcome every temptation* wherewith he is beset.

We are not to serve God as if we were not human, but we are to serve Him in the nature we have that has been redeemed by the Son of God; *through the*

*righteousness of Christ we shall all stand before God
pardoned, and as though we had never sinned,”*¹
{Emphasis provided}.

Are we connected to the right power source?



¹ E. G. White. Our High Calling, “Christ’s Humanity-A Golden Chain,” Chapter 42.