

Partakers Of The Divine Nature

"2 Peter 1:3-4 "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."

"The life of the true believer in Christ is a mystery. It is something that cannot be explained. It is the privilege of every believer in Christ to possess Christ's nature, a nature far above that which man forfeited by transgression. He who sees the Son by faith and believes in Him is obedient to the commandments of God, and in this obedience he finds everlasting life."

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1 Question

2 What does it mean to partaker of the divine nature?

3 Quick Answer

4 "Some who have not been keeping the commandments of God will be
5 led to feel that **it is high time to take hold of the divine nature of**
6 **Jesus Christ, in order that they may be overcomers.**"

7 {Ms37-1908.32}

8 "In Christ it is our privilege to come to God and to lay hold of Him
9 with living faith, and to say, **"I believe in myself I can do nothing,**
10 **but through the provision thou hast made, I believe that humanity**
11 **can grasp divinity. I grasp it in the name of Jesus Christ of**
12 **Nazareth."** Now that is the very work many neglect to do. What is
13 at stake? Your souls." {Ms115-1909.35}

14 Partaking of the divine nature is a little understood concept that comes
15 from 2 Peter 1:4—actually I've never heard a sermon that speaks to
16 what I have found in studying on the subject in the writings of Mrs.
17 White. Apparently we are invited to claim the divine nature of Christ

18 for ourselves! What that means exactly is clouded with mystery—but
19 so are many other things such as the "new birth," but regardless of the
20 mystery it speaks to a presence and power in our lives that few of our
21 members know about. It doesn't take much reflecting to also realize
22 that the distorted understandings of partaking of the divine nature
23 bring potential danger of "holy flesh" thinking. Let us be clear:
24 Partaking of the divine nature DOES NOT mean that our flesh
25 becomes holy and that we are no longer susceptible to temptation and
26 failure! It does speak, however, of a supernatural power that is stored
27 in Christ that can become ours and is to be grasped as the quotations
28 above and follow attest.—Dan

29 Bible Answer

30 2 Peter 1:4 (KJV) 4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and
31 precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine
32 nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through
33 lust."

34 Also

35 1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are labourers together with God: ye are
36 God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

37 "Philippians 2:12-13 "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always
38 obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my
39 absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For
40 it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good
41 pleasure."

42 Ellen White's Annotated Version of 2 Peter 1:4

43 Ellen White added the words to the verse as found in PCP 23.2.

44 "... Grace and peace be multiplied [notice this expression; we shall
45 refer to it again] unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus
46 our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things
47 [**nothing is withheld**] that pertain unto life [**eternal life**] and
48 godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory
49 and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious
50 promises" [**mark carefully the language, because in the judgment**
51 **every person who has ever had the privilege of hearing or reading**
52 **these words will be held accountable for the way in which he has**
53 **received them**] whereby are given unto us exceeding great and
54 precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine

55 nature” [partakers of divine power, divine grace, divine
56 possibilities]. {PCP 23.2}

57 Inspired Answers

58 Was Enabling Our Partaking Of The Divine Nature 59 Part Of Christ's Objective In Coming To Earth?

60 "Through our lives the despondent may receive an assurance that it is
61 possible to be partakers of the divine nature, and by taking hold of this
62 divinity, win the victory that all must win who shall enter in through
63 the gates into the city. {Ms37-1908.15} ... He took upon Himself
64 humanity, that He might perfect in His own life a humanity that we
65 can lay hold of and be united with divinity. **The divine nature is to be
66 imparted to every true seeker after Jesus Christ. Divinity must be
67 united with humanity. Thus humanity may be partakers of the
68 divine nature,** that men may be able to escape the corruption that is in
69 the world through lust. {Ms37-1908.16} ... God helping me, I am
70 determined to be an overcomer. Through Christ, I shall obtain the
71 victory. Then His joy will remain in me, and my joy be full. I will talk
72 of His goodness; I will tell of His power. **Through a dependence
73 upon the divinity of Christ, I may overcome as He
74 overcame.** {Ms37-1908.19} May we, by living faith, grasp the hand
75 of Infinite Power. This is our privilege; and if we take Christ at His
76 word, He is honored and glorified. Then our joy will be full, and we
77 shall not appear as a company of mourners. **Happy are the people
78 who have laid hold of the divine nature, and escaped the
79 corruption that is in the world.**" {Ms37-1908.23} I hope ... some
80 who have not been keeping the commandments of God will be led to
81 feel that it is high time to take hold of the divine nature of Jesus
82 Christ, in order that they may be overcomers." {Ms37-1908.32}

83 **"The union of the divine with the human is one of the most
84 mysterious, as well as the most precious, truths of the plan of
85 redemption.** It is of this that Paul speaks when he says, "Without
86 controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the
87 flesh." 1 Timothy 3:16. While it is impossible for finite minds fully to
88 grasp this great truth, or to fathom its significance, we may learn from
89 it lessons of vital importance to us in our struggles against temptation.
90 **Christ came to the world to bring divine power to humanity, to
91 make man a partaker of the divine nature.**" { GCB February 25,
92 1895, Art. A, par. 7 }

93 "Christ's humanity was united with divinity; He was fitted for the

94 conflict by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And He came to make us
95 partakers of the divine nature. So long as we are united to Him by
96 faith, sin has no more dominion over us. **God reaches for the hand of**
97 **faith in us to direct it to lay fast hold upon the divinity of Christ,**
98 **that we may attain to perfection of character.**" {DA 123.3}

99 "I am so thankful for the privilege of saying these words to you. **I**
100 **invite each one of you to take hold by living faith of the divinity of**
101 **Christ.** This is the gift that Christ came to the world to bestow. In Him
102 humanity may take hold of divinity and share in the joy of the Lord."
103 {Ms95-1908.38}

104 **"Jesus Christ gave His own precious life. And what for? To make**
105 **it possible that we might become partakers of the divine nature,**
106 having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And
107 when we consider that in order to do this, **He clothed His divinity**
108 **with humanity, that divinity might lay hold upon divinity, that**
109 **humanity might be partaker with Christ and lay hold of divinity.**
110 That is how we can escape the corruption that is in the world through
111 lust. And God want the truth to shine forth in unmistakable evidence
112 to the world. They will know it. Certainly they will."
113 {Ms191-1907.12}

114 We May Grasp Christ's Divinity By Faith.

115 "What we want is the simplicity of true godliness, and when we get
116 that we have an overcoming power to resist the devil. **Humanity can**
117 **grasp divinity** and overcome the temptations that are in the world
118 through lust. And now I leave these words with you, and I ask you to
119 just give your heart to God. What more would He do for you? He died
120 for every one of you that you might have eternal life in His kingdom if
121 you accept Him and are washed and made white in the blood of the
122 Lamb." {Ms122-1909.34}

123 "In Christ it is our privilege to come to God and to lay hold of Him
124 with living faith, and to say, **"I believe in myself I can do nothing,**
125 **but through the provision thou hast made, I believe that humanity**
126 **can grasp divinity. I grasp it in the name of Jesus Christ of**
127 **Nazareth."** Now that is the very work many neglect to do. What is
128 **at stake? Your souls.**" {Ms115-1909.35}

129 "Christ came from the heavenly courts to help and strengthen, to bring
130 to you, in the form of humanity divinity, the divine Son of God. He
131 came from the heavenly courts, that you might be a partaker of the
132 divine nature having overcome the corruption that is in the world

133 through lust, and you never can do it unless you take right hold of
134 the divinity of Christ by prayer and then claim the
135 promise." {Ms130-1909.22}

136 We Can Grasp Christ's Nature On Behalf Of Our 137 Children

138 **"He gave His life for humanity. And from the humanity in you,**
139 **fathers, and the humanity in you, mothers, let us just grasp the**
140 **divinity that is in Jesus Christ, so that you can express Him in**
141 **your family in words, in tender words, in affectionate words.** Thus
142 you can have a power so that you can educate and train your children
143 for the future life. How long? One that measures with the life of God.
144 That life of heaven you can possess. I beg of you, for Christ's sake, to
145 consider not so much how you shall decorate your children with
146 finery, or how much property you shall gain so as to exceed your
147 neighbor, **but what can you do that the humanity in your children,**
148 **and in your own life, can grasp divinity in the life of Christ, and be**
149 **overcomers day by day, and bind the children to**
150 **Jesus.** {Ms121-1909.27}... Your influence will tell for the glory of
151 God. Parents, will you begin in the name of Jesus Christ of
152 Nazareth—**will you begin to have praying seasons in your house,**
153 **and then with your neighbors' children, and feel just as much**
154 **interest that they shall be saved? They have souls. The humanity**
155 **that is in you sanctified can grasp divinity, and there you can have**
156 **power that your words will be applied to the hearts of the very**
157 **ones that you ought to save.** God help us. {Ms121-1909.28} ... We
158 want souls converted, and we want every soul to place themselves in
159 right relation to God in simplicity, that He can move upon the human
160 heart, and that you will be aroused so that **your humanity shall see its**
161 **privilege to lay hold of the very reason Christ was given to our**
162 **world. Lay hold of what? Divinity. Divinity in Christ by a living**
163 **faith. You can present that divinity to the Father; you can plead**
164 **for your children and the unconverted and your own souls, and**
165 **you can overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust,**
166 **because your humanity has laid hold with divinity. Therefore the**
167 **divinity of Christ is for the conqueror.** {Ms121-1909.32} ... The
168 reward is already for us, **and shall you make no great importance of**
169 **that divinity that humanity can grasp? It is your only hope, and**
170 **Christ preserved that divinity unsullied.** Had He not, we should all
171 perish, and you are to be co-laborers with Jesus Christ in this work of
172 salvation. {Ms121-1909.34} God help us that we may **understand**

173 **what it means with divinity and humanity combined. We must**
174 **have the divinity of Christ by a living faith and act it out in living**
175 **power."** {Ms121-1909.35}

176 How Does This Take Place On A Practical Basis?

177 "God is in earnest with us and claims all the power of our being. We
178 need the great Physician to heal us. We need more of heaven and less
179 of self. **We must be partakers of the divine nature."** {Ms40-1886.}

180 **"Through the operation of the Spirit of God humanity may be**
181 **connected with divinity.** Jesus has promised to send the Comforter to
182 lead us into all truth. "My Spirit," saith Christ, "is competent to
183 influence the world. **Those who will accept the provisions of my**
184 **grace may be partakers of my nature."** {Ms40a-1890.}

185 **"As the repenting sinner lays hold of Christ as his personal**
186 **Saviour, he is made a partaker of the divine nature."** {Ms63-1897}

187 "He who is guided by clean, holy principles will be quick to discern
188 the slightest taint of evil, because he keeps Christ before him as his
189 pattern. His deep regret at the discovery of a wrong act means the
190 prompt correction of every step wherein he has diverged from truth. It
191 means a constant, earnest striving for higher and still higher
192 attainments in the Christian life. **It means helping others to climb**
193 **heavenward. It means taking hold of Christ by loving faith,** and
194 resisting evil if need be unto blood, striving against sin." {Ms 82,
195 1900, par. 43}

196 "In the sixth chapter of John Christ speaks of the union that His
197 followers are to have with Him. "I am the living Bread which came
198 down from heaven," He declares; **"if any man eat of this Bread, he**
199 **shall live forever: and the Bread that I will give is My flesh,** which
200 I will give for the life of the world. ... Then Jesus said unto them,
201 Verily, verily I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man,
202 and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. **Whoso eateth My flesh,**
203 **and drinketh My blood hath eternal life;** and I will raise him up at
204 the last day." [Verses 51, 53, 54.] {Ms 146, 1903, par. 6} **The bond of**
205 **union represented by eating Christ's flesh and drinking His blood**
206 **is the same as that represented by the figure of the vine and its**
207 **branches.** {Ms 146, 1903, par. 7} Christ gave Himself for us. On
208 Calvary's cross He died for our sins, making it possible for fallen man
209 to become children of God and to keep His commandments. **By**
210 **repenting of sin and uniting with Christ, we receive all the**
211 **blessings that come through His sacrifice.** Through faith in His

212 merits and in the virtue of His atonement, we receive Him as a
213 personal Saviour and become partakers of His nature. *As we*
214 *appropriate His words, we receive from them spiritual life and*
215 *strength. This is union with Christ.*" {Ms 146, 1903, par. 8}

216 "Partakers of the divine nature." Is this possible? Of ourselves we can
217 do no good thing. **How, then, can we be partakers of the divine**
218 **nature?—By coming to Christ just as we are, needy, helpless,**
219 **dependent.** He died to make it possible for us to be partakers of the
220 divine nature. He took humanity upon himself that he might reach
221 humanity. With the golden chain of his matchless love he has bound us
222 to the throne of God. We are to have power to overcome as he
223 overcame." {RH April 14, 1904, par. 2}

224 "The connection of the branch with the vine, Christ said to His
225 disciples, represents the relation you are to sustain to Me. The scion is
226 grafted into the living vine, and fibre by fibre, vein by vein, it grows
227 into the vine-stock. The life of the vine becomes the life of the branch.
228 **So the soul, dead in trespasses and sins, receives life through**
229 **connection with Christ. By faith in Him as a personal Saviour the**
230 **union is formed. The sinner unites his weakness to Christ's**
231 **strength, his emptiness to Christ's fulness, his frailty to Christ's**
232 **enduring might. Then he has the mind of Christ.** The humanity of
233 Christ has touched our humanity, and our humanity has touched
234 Divinity. **Thus, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, man**
235 **becomes a partaker of the divine nature.** He is accepted in the
236 Beloved." – {ST September 7, 1904, par. 3}

237 "How abundant is the gift to our world of the Holy Spirit! It is beyond
238 the power of language to express the blessings it brings to God's
239 people. **If received and appreciated, the Holy Spirit will make us**
240 **holy, Christlike. Through its agency, we are united with Christ,**
241 **partakers of the divine nature.** The reception of the Holy Spirit in its
242 fulness is the great need of the church today. Let us pray earnestly that
243 it may soon be realized." {Lt178-1907.12}

244 "Christ in the heavenly courts laid aside His royal crown. He laid aside
245 His royal robe. **He clothed His divinity with humanity, that**
246 **humanity by taking hold of Christ in obedience might be**
247 **partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is
248 in the world through lust." {Ms192-1907.7}

249 "To eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ is to receive Him as a
250 personal Saviour, believing that He forgives our sins, and that we are
251 complete in Him. **It is by beholding His love, by dwelling upon it,**
252 **by drinking it in, that we are to become partakers of His nature.**

253 What food is to the body, Christ must be to the soul. Food cannot
254 benefit us unless we eat it, unless it becomes a part of our being. So
255 Christ is of no value to us if we do not know Him as a personal
256 Saviour. A theoretical knowledge will do us no good. **We must feed**
257 **upon Him, receive Him into the heart, so that His life becomes our**
258 **life. His love, His grace, must be assimilated.**" {DA 389.3}

259 Partaking Is Necessary For A Good Marriage

260 "The divine love emanating from Christ never destroys human love,
261 but includes human love, refined and purified. By it human love is
262 elevated and ennobled. **Human love can never bear its precious**
263 **fruit until it is united with the divine nature, and trained to grow**
264 **heavenward.** Jesus wants to see happy marriages, happy firesides.
265 The warmth of true friendship and the love that binds the hearts of
266 husband and wife is a foretaste of heaven." {Ms16-1899.26}

267 We Can Possess Christ's Divine Nature!

268 "Every individual soul should now be humbling himself before God,
269 seeking pardon for his transgressions and sins, and accepting the
270 justifying grace of Christ, the sanctifying of the soul by the operations
271 of the Holy Spirit, **the implanting of a new nature**, and putting on
272 the righteousness of Christ; thus the carnal nature is transformed,
273 renewed in holiness after the image of Christ's righteousness and true
274 holiness." {Lt22-1892.}

275 "To as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the**
276 **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name." [John 1:12.] **We**
277 **want to see the implanting of a new nature through the power of**
278 **the grace of God.** {Lt56-1894.}

279 "Truth, precious truth, is sanctifying in its influence. **The**
280 **sanctification of the soul by the operation of the Holy Spirit is the**
281 **implanting of Christ's nature in humanity.** It is the grace of our
282 Lord Jesus Christ revealed in character, and the graces of Christ
283 brought into active exercise in good works. Thus **the character is**
284 **transformed more and more perfectly after the image of Christ, in**
285 **righteousness and true holiness.**" {Ms34-1894.}

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287 **sanctification of the soul by the operation of the Holy Spirit is the**
288 **implanting of Christ's nature in humanity.** It is the grace of our
289 Lord Jesus Christ revealed in character, and the graces of Christ

290 brought into active exercise in good works." {Ms52-1896.} [This is a
291 repetition of the quote from 1894.]

292 **"There must be the implanting of a new nature and the influence**
293 **of grace through eating the Word of the Lord.** Thus we shall be
294 daily strengthened, and renewed more and more after the divine image
295 of the life of Christ in humanity. That humanity was perfect. It was a
296 life of completeness." {Ms31-1897.}

297 "Through the reception of Christ as our personal Saviour, the precious
298 gems which that Word contains become to us threads of gold that bind
299 us to Christ and to each other. ... **When the leaven of truth is**
300 **implanted in the heart, it absorbs to itself all the capabilities of**
301 **mind and soul and strength. It implants in the human being a new**
302 **nature,** and the grace of Christ is more and more developed."
303 {Ms82-1898.}

304 "The power of the whole heavenly host may be yours, that you may
305 use it in drawing men to the well of salvation. **The divine nature is**
306 **imparted to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as his personal**
307 **Saviour.** He has promised us all power. And with all power we can
308 overcome the adversary so that we may have an entrance into the city
309 of God. The gates are thrown open, who will enter?" {Ms198-1898.}

310 "Is it not time you received the operation of the Holy Spirit? **You must**
311 **have the implanting of a new nature.** The influences of grace are so
312 much needed on your own heart and on your mind, **whereby your**
313 **heart is purified and daily strengthened and renewed in**
314 **righteousness and true holiness.**" {Ms199-1899.}

315 "The life of the true believer in Christ is a mystery. It is something that
316 cannot be explained. **It is the privilege of every believer in Christ to**
317 **possess Christ's nature, a nature far above that which man**
318 **forfeited by transgression.** He who sees the Son by faith and believes
319 in Him is obedient to the commandments of God, and in this
320 obedience he finds everlasting life." {Lt6a-1900.6}

321 "He designs His blood-bought heritage to live lives filled with great
322 possibilities and probabilities. Christ became poor that we might
323 inherit eternal riches. **Every man, through the merits of the blood of**
324 **Christ, may become a new creature in Christ, possessing a new**
325 **nature.**" {Lt160-1903.28}

326 "Not by outward display, not by worldly patronage is the kingdom of
327 Christ established, **but by the implanting of Christ's nature in**
328 **humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit.** "As many as
329 received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God,

330 even to them that believe on His name; which were born, not of blood,
331 nor of the will of the flesh, but of God." [John 1:12.] **Here is the only**
332 **power that can work for the uplifting of humanity.** And the human
333 agency for the accomplishment of this work is the teaching and
334 preaching of the Word of God." {Ms42-1905.18}

335 "He took upon Himself humanity, that He might perfect in His own
336 life a humanity that we can lay hold of and be united with divinity.
337 **The divine nature is to be imparted** to every true seeker after Jesus
338 Christ." {Ms37-1908.16}

339 What Is The Result Of Receiving Christ's Divine 340 Nature

341 **"He who has become a partaker of the divine nature knows that**
342 **his citizenship is above.** He catches the inspiration from the Spirit of
343 Christ. His soul is hid with Christ in God. Such a man Satan can no
344 longer employ as his instrumentality to insinuate himself into the very
345 sanctuary of God, to defile the temple of God. He gains victories at
346 every step. He is filled with ennobling thoughts. He regards every
347 human being as precious, because Christ has died for every soul." {PC
348 418.3}

349 "Jesus said, Be perfect as your Father is perfect. **If you are the**
350 **children of God you are partakers of His nature, and you cannot**
351 **but be like Him.** Every child lives by the life of his father. If you are
352 God's children, begotten by His Spirit, you live by the life of God. In
353 Christ dwells "all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians
354 2:9); and the life of Jesus is made manifest "in our mortal flesh" (2
355 Corinthians 4:11). **That life in you will produce the same character**
356 **and manifest the same works as it did in Him.** Thus you will be in
357 harmony with every precept of His law; for "the law of the Lord is
358 perfect, restoring the soul." Psalm 19:7, margin. Through love "the
359 righteousness of the law" will be "fulfilled in us, who walk not after
360 the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:4." {MB 77.5}

361 **"As we partake of the divine nature, hereditary and cultivated**
362 **tendencies to wrong are cut away from the character, and we are**
363 **made a living power for good. Ever learning of the divine Teacher,**
364 **and daily partaking of the divine nature, we co-operate with God**
365 **in overcoming Satan's temptations.** God works and man works, that
366 the sacred union may exist, that man may be one with Christ as Christ
367 is one with God. Then we sit together with Christ in heavenly places.
368 The mind may rest in peace and assurance in Jesus Christ."

369 {Ms11-1899.12}

370 "God gave His only begotten Son to the human race, that man might
371 become a partaker of the divine nature by accepting the remedy for sin
372 and allowing the divine grace of Christ to work in his life. **The power
373 of divinity working in humanity can bring man into right relation
374 with God. Fallen man, by laying hold of the divine power brought
375 within his reach, can become one with God.** Everlasting life is the
376 blessing that Christ came to give to the world." {Lt38-1907.10}

377 "The apparently dry branch, by being connected with the living vine,
378 becomes a part of it. Fiber by fiber, and vein by vein, it adheres to the
379 vine till it derives its life and nourishment from the parent stock. The
380 graft buds, blossoms, and produces fruit. The soul, dead in trespasses
381 and sins, must experience a similar process in order to be reconciled to
382 God and to become a partaker of Christ's life and joy. **As the graft
383 receives life when united to the vine, so the sinner partakes of the
384 divine nature when connected with Christ. Finite man is united
385 with the infinite God. When thus united, the words of Christ abide
386 in us, and we are not actuated by a spasmodic feeling, but by a
387 living, abiding principle.** The words of Christ must be meditated
388 upon and cherished and enshrined in the heart. They should not be
389 repeated, parrot-like, finding no place in the memory and having no
390 influence over the heart and life." { 4T 354.3}

391 "In Christ divinity and humanity were united, and the only way in
392 which man may be an overcomer is through becoming a partaker of
393 the divine nature.... **Divinity and humanity are blended in him who
394 has the spirit of Christ.** The apostle Paul writes, "In all things it
395 behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a
396 merciful and faithful high priest." ... "We have not an high priest
397 which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in
398 all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." { SD 24.4}

399 "Christ is ready to do large things for us, **to restore our natures by
400 making us partakers of His divine nature.** He waits to link our
401 hearts with His heart of infinite love, in order that we may be fully
402 reconciled to God." {Lt 26, 1895, par. 16}

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404 Sermons On Partaking Of The Divine Nature

405 Sermon On Abiding In Christ (And Partaking Of The Divine
406 Nature)

407 "He took upon Himself humanity, that He might perfect in His own
408 life a humanity that we can lay hold of and be united with divinity.

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410 Christ. Divinity must be united with humanity. Thus humanity may be
411 partakers of the divine nature, that men may be able to escape the
412 corruption that is in the world through lust." {2SAT 294.2}

413 Take Hold of the Divine Nature

414 "There is a possibility of the believer in Christ obtaining an experience
415 that will be wholly sufficient to place him in right relation to God.
416 Every promise that is in God's Book holds out to us the
417 encouragement that we may be partakers of the divine nature. This is
418 the possibility—to rely upon God, to believe his Word, to work his
419 works; and this we can do when we lay hold of the divinity of Christ.
420 This possibility is worth more to us than all the riches in the world.
421 There is nothing on earth that can compare with it. As we lay hold of
422 the power thus placed within our reach, we receive a hope so strong
423 that we can rely wholly upon God's promises; and laying hold of the
424 possibilities there are in Christ, we become the sons and daughters of
425 God." {RH January 14, 1909, par. 2}

426 Study Further

427 To study this topic further, search for quotations on the
428 egwwritings.org site using all three of the following
429 words: "humanity," "divinity" and "partakers." Then search for
430 variations of these words, such as "partaker," "partaking," "grasping
431 divinity," "union," and "divinity of Christ." Combine these words with
432 "grasp," or "take hold." It will take time to find more quotes, but they
433 are there for I have read many of them. You will be blessed in
434 searching for them.

435 If you want to find key articles, search the word "partaking" and look
436 for instances where multiple paragraphs have the word. That will
437 provide a good clue that there are significant statements on
438 "partaking."

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