

Peace and Strength with Saint Augustine in GOD

II PETER 1: 2-5

² May grace and peace be yours in abundance through knowledge of GOD and of JESUS our Lord.

³ His Divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by His Own glory and power.

⁴ Through these, He has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in The Divine Nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love. ¹

Saint Peter reminds us that Divine Grace and Peace, in The Person of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, has purchased for Himself our souls because of His great Love, glory and power. Therefore we share in The Divine Nature, escaping from the dark, and filling us with faith, virtue, knowledge, endurance, devotion, mutual affection and love of GOD and others.

It is for this Cause that Saint Augustine has concluded, "O Lord, You made us for Yourself. And our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You!" ² Cut off from The Vine, we as branches wither and die. ³ But when we remain firm in communion with our Lord JESUS CHRIST, then we may do all good things, in accordance with His will, through CHRIST who strengthens us! ⁴

O GOD, May our hearts rest always in You, that by finding daily strength in Your abiding Goodness, we may always serve You and one another with reverence and joy in all things!

AMEN.

¹ NAB, I PETER 2:2-5.

² Catechism of The Catholic Church, # 30. Retrieved 8/02/2017.

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p1s1c1.htm

³ See JOHN 15:5.

⁴ See PHILLIPIANS 4:13.