

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Monongahela, Pa.
Adult Bible Study
The Apostles' Teaching – The Epistles of St. Peter
Session 6

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship
to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)*

I. 2 PETER CHAPTER 1

- A. What is different and similar in the opening lines of this epistle compared with 1 Peter?

Is this letter written to me?

- B. How does a person obtain “*like precious faith*”?

- C. What does St. Peter mean that God has given us “*all things that pertain to life and godliness*”?

From this, how can we begin to understand why our prayers are sometimes not answered in the way we want?

- D. Why does it mean to be a “*partaker of the divine nature*”?

see also **John 17:20-21** (p. 1459)

How does the image of a piece of iron in fire explain this verse?

He was made what we are, that He might make us to be what He is.
(St. Irenaeus 202 A.D.)

God became man so that man might become God
(St. Athanasius 373 A.D.)

“When Christ’s body and blood become the tissue of our members, we become Christ-bearers and “partakers of the divine nature” as the blessed Peter said.” (St. Cyril of Jerusalem 444 A.D.)

E. List the qualities we are to seek with “diligence”.

F. What are the results of having these qualities?

G. What is this “tent” St. Peter refers to in v. 13-14?

see also **2 Corinthians 5:1-5** (p. 1578)

H. What event does St. Peter remember in v. 16-18?

I. What is this warning he gives in v. 20 regarding Bible reading / Bible Study?

What is the danger of “*private interpretation*”?

Who interprets the Bible? see 1 Timothy 3:15 (p. 1636)