



Outward Expressions Message 2

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► Outline

But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. **2 Peter 1:9 (NLT)**

A. Introduction: Sharing the divine nature. (2 Peter 1:3-7. C/R: James 1:14-15)

B. We respond to God's promises by...

1. Growing in _____

through _____.

(2 Peter 1:6. C/R: 1 Chronicles 16:23; John 4:23-24; James 1:27; 1 Timothy 4:8)

2. Growing in _____. (2 Peter 1:7. C/R: John 13:34-35; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 John 3:11; 4:19-21)

3. Growing in _____ for _____. (2 Peter 1:7-9. C/R: Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 12:1; Philippians 2:3-4)

Engage

How are you responding to the promises of God?
Encourage one another on social media using the hashtag
#BrookwoodResponds and tag **@BrookwoodChurch**.

Answers: 1. godliness, true worship 2. brotherly affection 3. love, everyone

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.



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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Who was one of your closest childhood friends? What did you like to do together?

Opening in Prayer

Spend a few minutes in silence. Ask God to help you hear His voice and teach you as you read and study this week.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [2 Peter 1:1-11](#).

1. If righteousness is a gift from God because of faith, not works ([Romans 4:1-5](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)), why does Peter tell us to supplement our faith with a series of actions?
2. If God has given us everything we need for living a godly life, what does that tell you about God? What does that tell you about yourself?
3. What does it mean to worship something?
4. Besides God, what are some other things people are tempted to worship?
5. What does it mean to worship God *in spirit and in truth* as in [John 4:24](#)?
6. How is Christian friendship different than regular friendship?
7. Describe a time you tried to make something right that you had done wrong. How did that work out?

8. How would you describe God's purpose for your life?

9. In a few words, what is the purpose of the local church?

10. How might God be calling you to respond to His promises this week?

Without compromising Himself in any way, God now receives the returning sinner and puts a deposit of His own nature and life in that sinner. That's what the new birth is. It's not joining a church, it's not being baptized, not quitting this or that bad habit, though everybody will quit his bad habits. The new birth is an implantation of divine life.

A.W. Tozer, *The Attributes of God*

Soul Training

Spend time each day this week in silence with God. Ask Him to quiet your heart as you read through the Daily Reading or another passage of Scripture. Reach out to at least one person this week and share what you're learning.

Memory Verse

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

[Romans 12:1 \(NIV\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

Day 4: [Luke 11:33-37](#)

Day 2: [1 Timothy 4:7-16](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 145:8-21](#)

Day 3: [1 Chronicles 16:23-27](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, November 24, we're having a Morning of Worship with Lord's Supper to give thanks to God for His work in our lives. To prepare your heart, read [Isaiah 61:1-11](#).



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