

that, incidentally, will explain a lot of the problems and shortcomings of our time. Now we should not think that our time is different from other ages in this matter and I suppose that to some degree we are all in it together. But this the age in which we are living and we need to remember, vigorously, all the provisioning of grace.

II. Discussion: *Dealing with this danger is a matter of remembering the provision and by it living for the Lord.*

A. The fact of the provision --vs 3

Having given the apostolic greeting in vss 1-2, Peter tells us that all things necessary for life and godliness are given to us through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been called to glory and virtue--you can not imagine anything vital omitted in such a call. As in the language of Colossians 2:10, we are complete in Him. You will notice that the call given is not to individual tasks although God would certainly give what was needed for that as well...but this is the heavenly call that is guaranteed for all believers. As we live today there is nothing we need for glory that the Lord has not already provided. The danger is that we will forget it, the blessing is that we are secure as we remember it.

B. The effect of the provision--vs 4

The provision of all that is necessary covers a lot of ground but in this passage details the following very specifically:

- we are escaped from worldly corruption
- we have received great and precious promises
(1 Peter 1)
- we have entered more fully into the life of the Lord
being partakers of the divine nature
- and there is opened to us a program of growth
detailed in the following verses

In Ephesians 4:1 we are urged to walk worthy of the calling with which we are called and this passage helps us to see how we can do it.

C. The application of the provision--vss 5-8