Introduction:
   A. We sing “more like Jesus would I be...”
   B. Christians are to partake of “divine nature” (v. 4)
      1. The opposite of human nature.
         a. A good example of human vs. divine nature. (Mt. 5:44)
         b. “It is just human nature” is no excuse for sin.
         c. Such human nature is acquired, not inherited.
      2. The opposite of the “corruption of the world.”
   C. Christians are supplied the materials, motive, and method for developing the Divine Nature:

Discussion:
I. The Materials to Develop the Divine Nature (v. 3)
   A. A complete revelation to guide us. (2 Tim. 3:16,17; Jude 3; Rev. 22:8,9).
      1. The basis of our faith (Rom. 10:17)
      2. The basic of our practice (Col. 3:17).
   B. A complete church to build us up (Eph. 4:1-16).

II. The Motivation to Develop the Divine Nature (v. 4).
   A. The value of any promise depends on:
      1. The value of the promise itself.
      2. The ability and willingness of Him who promised.
   B. There great unconditional promises.
      1. God’s universal providence (Matt. 5:45).
      2. The second coming of Christ (2 Pet. 3:9, 10).
   C. There are great and precious conditional promised.
      2. God’s providential care Christians (Matt. 6:33)
      3. Promises tied to “these things” of text.
         a. Fruitful in knowledge of our Lord. (v. 8).
         b. Spiritual sight or insight. (v. 9).
         c. Never fall. (v. 10)

III. The Method For Developing the Divine Nature.
   A. By escaping the pollution of the world. (v. 4; cf 2 Pet. 2:20; Rom. 6:4,17-18).
   B. By adding “these things” (v. 5-11).

Conclusion
   A. What kind of nature do you partaker in - mostly?
   B. Do you want to begin changing that nature today?