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To Be Partakers in the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:4-5 — Because our Master has granted to us to be partakers in His divine nature, we can do what chapters 5-8 say. If we weren't sharers in His glory, these words would seem hard for us, given to us by a hard taskmaster, it would be like a master's manual without grace. We are partakers of His divine nature. What does it mean that we are partakers of His divine nature? Does that mean that we don't have a human nature anymore, but a divine nature? Are we going to transitionalize out of our human nature and come into a divine nature? *Partakers* — sharers. *Divine* — uncreated. Are we going to be God someday? Our nature is human and it will always be human, but we have a divine nature, 1 Cor 6:17, if we've joined ourselves with Messiah. His Spirit is divine, but we won't ever be divine ourselves. He is divine, we are human, and we'll always be human throughout all eternity because our Father doesn't want us to be divine. He created us to house divine nature. The purpose of human nature is to make visible divine nature. Our Master was human yet He contained divine nature. We'll be made like Him.

Jn 14:7 — When people see us they will see our Master. We go on and become more and more like Him everyday, the more we put our mind on Him. Then we'll have a grand entrance into the kingdom — this is what we're heading towards. Our Father wants human beings — He created human nature and He wants it. Divine nature has always been, but never has come into being. The purpose of human nature is to make you see divine nature. Isn't that wonderful, to know and come to understand? That sets us apart from every cult that goes astray from the true knowledge of the truth. Our Father wants us to know why He created us. He didn't create us to be God, but to be human and be restored in His Body and house divine nature. Make sure you understand that. This is one of those tricky verses in the Bible that people take off on.

We're His house, His temple — not made out of man-made bricks, but a spiritual body with flesh and bones. In the next age we'll be eternally flesh and bone with divine nature flowing through our bones instead of blood. In this age our life is in our blood. When the blood goes out

of our bodies, the spiritual life also goes out. Blood is precious. It drained out of our Master to show He died. He uses us in submission to Him to defeat the enemy.

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Jesus Christ, when he became flesh, was of an angelic nature, and that he was the archangel, Michael. If Jesus or our Master, Yahshua ha Mashiach, was of angelic nature, He could only reconcile us to the angels. But our Master came and reconciled man back to God. 1 Tim 2:5 — He made atonement for our sins and reconciled us to Him, being one with God, by giving us His Spirit. He made us friends again with God — divine nature meeting with human nature. We're one, He's the Mediator between God and man. 2 Tim 2:4 — That's why we pray for all men to be saved. It's really important to understand these things because if we have the right truth the Holy Spirit will be pleased.

There are different natures of different beings. There's a dog and cat nature and a cow and horse nature. These animals have a nature and they've been doing the same thing for years. But the greatest nature ever created was human nature. If the Spirit makes something like God it has all the qualities that God has, a creative ability, and the ability to make covenants. The emotions are made up of the spirit, soul and body. Without each one we'd be nothing. Emotions are good, but they have to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. We feel and love and praise and communicate to other human beings through our emotions. Our Father has emotions — He gets angry and has wrath and love and joy and peace. Animals don't have them, but we have them. We are able to have patience and kindness because we're like our Father.