

#### 2 PETER 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and **virtue**, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers** of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

### **COLOSSIANS 1:28**

<sup>28</sup> Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man *perfect* in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

#### **EPHESIANS 4:12-13**

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **perfect (Mature)man,** to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

## **Montgomery Translation**

"To the maturity of manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. So we shall no longer be children, tossed up and down, and blown about every wind of teaching tricked by the craft of men in the snares of misleading error: but holding truth in love we shall grow up in every part into Him who is out head even Christ."

### **GREEK WORD STUDY-**

## VIRTUE ἀρέτη, arete

proper *manliness* (*valor*), that is, *excellence* that is intrinsic or attributed to a relationship (fellowship) with Jesus.

## PARTAKERS- κοινωνός, koinonos

a sharer, an associate: - companion, fellowship, partaker, partner.

# **COMPLETE IN CHRIST**

### **A MATURE MAN** τέλειον, <u>teleion</u>

complete growth, mental and moral character, completeness: - of full age, man, perfect.