

# Easter Impact – Part 6

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to  
a God-like life  
through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory  
and excellence.

1 Peter 1:3-4

The impact of **E**ASTER is **E**nergy.

The impact of **E**ASTER is **A**ttitude.

The impact of **E**ASTER is **S**uccess!

The impact of **E**ASTER is **T**ransformation!

The impact of **E**ASTER is **E**xcellence!

Remember, the focus of our attention is the impact of Jesus  
resurrection **NOW!**

Peter begins: *“His divine power ...”* This is the same Greek  
word (*δυναμεις*) with which we began our Easter journey. The  
scope of this power is *“all things that relate to the God-like  
life.”* In other words, everything one needs to become Christ-  
like is available **NOW** via the indwelling power of God.

What’s the purpose of this all inclusive power? We are *“called  
(**HERE AND NOW**) to **God’s own glory and excellence.**”* Read those  
words again. You are called to reflect *“God’s own glory and  
excellence”* in your being! CITATION TO PREVIOUS POST) Calvin  
said: *“[The Creator] intends for human beings to do [that  
which is directed] to the full revelation of His glory.”* Your  
Creator has high expectations for you! You are to be a  
soaring, monarch butterfly not a ground hugging caterpillar.

However, most followers of Jesus live like caterpillars, far  
below the destiny to which God has called them. *“Hailed as the  
most quoted person in the Christian Church today,”* George

Barna stated: "**Common success measures, such as church attendance and program completion, showed little correlation with transformational progress.**" Furthermore, for those who identify themselves as "born again", Barna makes these assertions:

"We confuse *salvation* with *transformation*. We confuse *presence* with *connection*. We confuse *acquaintance* with *relationship*. We confuse *participation* with *integration*. We confuse *intellectual knowledge* with *faith*.

We confuse *busyness* with *significance*. We confuse *emotional happiness* with *joy*. We confuse *regularity* with *passion*. We confuse *physical comfort* with *divine reward*."

Most often the word **excellence** is conjoined with the word **pursuit**. Here's a few examples!

*Excellence is a pursuit!* (Aristotle)

Those who attain any excellence, commonly spend life in one pursuit; excellence is not often gained upon easier terms. (Samuel Johnson).

My philosophy all my life has been the *pursuit of excellence*. (John Kluge).

The *pursuit of excellence* is the proper vocation of man. (Cassius Keyser).

The *pursuit of excellence* is a continuous process through life. (Elaine Chao)

I discovered this creature outside our garage door. I enlarged the photos so that you can see the detail of design! Commencing as a caterpillar, this creature pursued excellence that ended in the demonstration of the Creator's glory. Calvin said, "*The created order bears abundant witness to a Creator who is a masterful designer.*" Granted, in this creature the power of pursuit is automatic. In us, however, it's a matter of persistent passion for God. So, life is not about your money, your status, your degrees, your power, your occupation,

your breed! It's about our passion (unlimited power is within us) to pursue **excellence of being** so that God's glory is enlarged. Easter is **Excellence!**

