

1 Peter - Chapter 2:1-5

Growth of a Spiritual House

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Q: What is our context?

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- An emphasis on the fact that as believers we're temporary residents.
- A view to our future hope.
- A contrast between what is "precious" and what is "perishing".
- An explanation of the suffering and trials of the believer. the importance of faith being tested by trials, and the result of that.
- A focus on the new life that we have as believers.

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1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 2:1-5

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(the basis for this command)

putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

(the prerequisite for fulfilling this command)

like newborn babies,

(a simile describing the *kind* of longing we are to have)

long for the pure milk of the word,

(the core thought, imperative command)

so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

(purpose clause --- growth)

if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

(a conditional clause, this all depends on having “tasted of the kindness of God.)

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refer back to?**

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1 Peter 1:23-25

²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

²⁴ For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER. ~~FOR EVER~~ is the word which was preached to you.

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VS

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Normal sinful man!



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If we're going to grow, we need to have
that kind of hunger for the Word!

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The Word of God provides the Spiritual “nutrition” as well as protection from dangerous lies that would harm us.

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And when the growing is done...
We will be revealed together with Him in glory.

The finished product of God's grace!

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Luke 6:35-36

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As a believer you have tasted of the kindness of God...

Now don't stop feeding on the word!

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John 6:35

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.



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His life is *our* life!

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1 Peter 4:17

For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Q: What would constitute “acceptable sacrifices”?

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

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1 Peter 1:14-16

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY"



Q: How do we go about that?

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Our job is to depend on Him by faith.

His job is to live His life through us.