

Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"
"Spiritual Hunger"
1 Peter 2:1-3
Study-7

Life begins with Birth. In **1 Peter 1:12-25**, Peter reminds us of the reality of the New Birth (Born Again); Not of corruptible seed but incorruptible (Eternal Seed). **1 Peter 2:1-3 – Birth must be followed by nurture, spiritual growth!**

John 8:31-32

1 Peter 1:1-2:10 – God's Grace and Salvation.

Thought Of The Passage: It Is Impossible To Grow In Our Relationship With God Without Growing In Our Relationship With God's Word.

- 1. Verse 1 – Putting Aside Evil**
- 2. Verse 2 – Desiring The Word**
- 3. Verses 2-3 – Growing In Salvation**

1. Verse 1 – Putting Aside Evil:

1 Peter 2:1 – "Therefore," – "What is the 'Therefore' there for?" Context – 1 Peter 1:22-25 – Peter has been giving a description of the life that should result from salvation.

1 Peter 1:23-25

"Therefore," – Believers need to remember the life source. The Word of God is the source of Salvation/Life! There is no other or greater power for the believer.

2 Timothy 3:15

Philippians 1:6

Purging Our Sin: "Therefore, putting aside" – Peter warned his readers about the need of "putting aside;" this means, "cleansing from defilement, idea of ripping off a soiled garment; renounce sin, to get rid of."

Ephesians 4:22-25

Colossians 3:8-9

Hebrews 12:1

James 1:21

We are not to excuse sin, attempt to hide it, or condone it.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Peter gives a list of 5 sins: These sins are not compatible with Christian love.

Note they appear to be in 3 groups: The word **"All"** is used **3X:**

1. "All malice"
2. "All deceit, hypocrisy, envy"
3. "All slander"

1) "all malice" – which could be translated in general "wickedness;" Includes all kinds of evil conduct; "Ill-will, spite, and vicious disposition, trouble;" The desire to harm someone else!

Acts 8:18-23 – Scheming to get ahead!

2) "and all deceit" – which could be translated "guile;" is craftiness, treachery, crookedness in dealing with other people, using devious words and actions to get what we want, to catch with bait, fishhook; Literally "two-facedness."

Matthew 26:3-4 – Scheming in order to destroy something or somebody. (Hidden Agenda)

3) "and hypocrisy" – It is play-acting, pretending to be what one is not; "to speak from underneath." Greek actors wore masks and their voices came from underneath the mask! The word is plural "hypocrisies;" speaks of different expressions of play-acting; Words, actions, motives.

Matthew 23:2-3, 29, 33

Hypocrisy describes any behavior that is not genuine or consistent with what one really believes or says he believes.

4) "and envy" – The word is plural "envies;" could be translated "jealousy or spite;" Defines the attitude of those who resent others prosperity!

Mark 15:9-10

5) "and all slander," – conversation that tears the other person down; "Evil speaking, any communication that runs down someone or attempts to belittle another person, talking down;" "Defamation of character."

1 Peter 2:12; 3:16

This list of sins could all be summed up in the first sin – "putting aside all malice" – "wickedness." In general, it includes all kinds of evil conduct.

2. Verse 2 – Desiring The Word:

1 Peter 2:2

If the previous sins are in our lives, we will not have an appetite for the pure Word of God. Believers need God's truth like a baby needs milk.

"newborn babies" – doesn't necessarily mean that Peter's readers are brand new in their faith.

"long" – the word "desire" is a command from a root word, which means, "to burn, or to crave, long after" and is expressed in eager action. It's translated as "longing to" in 2 Timothy 1:4.

Psalms 42:1

Psalms 119:174

Jeremiah 15:16

Job 23:12

Psalms 119 – The longest chapter of the Bible has as its theme "the believers delight in God's Word!" Psalms 119:97-104

"the pure" – "spiritual, not of human origin or of human deceit, unadulterated, sincere;" Stories, jokes, videos, interviews, table-talk.

"milk" – "divinely given substance of God, His inspired Word;" – "of the word," – "the Scriptures;" that which is truly sincere; spiritual milk is pure and contains nothing harmful or useless.

Matthew 4:4

3. Verses 2-3 – Growing In Salvation:

1 Peter 2:2 – “so that by it” – Desiring it and taking in the Word will result in growth.

Growth Through The Word: “you may grow” – common Greek word for the growth of children. The idea of, “thriving on, growing up.”

Ephesians 4:13-16; 2 Peter 3:18

“in respect to salvation,” – This salvation is the full and final salvation.

Our spiritual growth is in direct proportion of our study and intake of the Word of God! (Must have a holy discontent)

1 Peter 2:3 – Peter quotes from Psalm 34:8.

“if you have tasted” – “since you have tasted;” Peter is not questioning the salvation of the readers but is pointing out that the salvation experience is only the first “taste;” delicious to the taste.

“kindness” – “good, loving good, merciful,” of the Lord. The Word teaches that God is good!

Application:

1. We Are Not To Excuse Sin, Or Attempt To Hide Sin, Or Condone Sin, We Are To “Put It Aside.” This Is The Idea Of Ripping Off A Soiled Garment; To Renounce Sin, To Get Rid Of Sin.
2. If Sin Is Not Ripped Out Of Our Lives, We Will Not Have An Appetite For The Pure Word Of God. Believers Need God’s Truth Like A Baby Needs Milk.
3. The Same God Who Gave Us Birth Through The Word Is The Same God Who Gives Us Growth By The Word. Our Spiritual Growth Is In Direct Proportion Of Our Study And Intake Of The Word Of God.