

1 Peter Ch 2: 1 - 12

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1. God's gift (Blessing) of salvation
(1 Peter 1: 3 – 12)
2. Christians are to respond to God by pursuing holiness (1 Peter 1: 13 – 21)
3. Believers must respond to others in the church by loving them as brothers in Christ.
(1 Peter 1: 22 – 25)

1 Peter 2: 1 - 12

E. Live a righteous life and praise God

1. Strip off things of the world and crave the Word of God
2. Come to Christ, the Living Stone
3. Know that you are God's People
4. Give God the Praise and Glory
5. Abstain from worldly lusts

1. Of what did Peter urge us to rid ourselves? (2:1)

1 Peter 2:1

¹ Therefore, putting aside **all malice** and all **deceit** and hypocrisy and envy and all **slander**,

Things to strip off:

Malice – Wickedness, all kinds of evil, deep-seated feelings against a person, hatred that lasts on and on and a long-lasting bitterness against a person

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Deceit (Guile) - The word means to deceive or mislead people. To bait or deceive in order to achieve one's own end.

Hypocrisy – the word means one who pretends, puts on a show or acts out something he is not.

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Jesus addressed the scribes and Pharisees as:

Hypocrites shall receive the greater damnation (Mt. 23:14).

Hypocrites are children of hell (Mt. 23:15).

Hypocrites are fools and blind (Mt. 23:17, 19).

Hypocrites are blind guides (Mt. 23:24).

Hypocrites are full of extortion and excess (Mt. 23:25).

Hypocrites are full of all uncleanness (Mt. 23:27).

Hypocrites are serpents, a generation of vipers (Mt. 23:33).

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Envy - The word means that a person covets what someone else has, covets it so much that he wants it even if it has to be taken away from the other person.

Examples

Cain and Abel

Joseph's brothers for Joseph

Saul for David

The Jews for Jesus

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Slander (evil speakings)- This means to:

1. To criticize, judge, backbite, gossip, censor, condemn, and grumble against another person.
2. To talk about and to tear down another person.
3. To spread tales about another person that cut and hurt him and that lower his image and reputation in the eyes of others.
4. To talk about a person behind his back when he is not present.

2. What should we crave? Why?(2.2)

1 Peter 2:2

2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

A. Long for the pure milk of the Word

B. You may grow

C. In respect to salvation

2. What should we crave? Why?(2.2)

Heb. 5: 12 – 14

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

2. What should we crave? Why?(2.2)

A. He teaches us how to live pure and clean lives; how to conquer the temptations of life; how deal with the trials of life.

B. He teaches us all about the great salvation and promises He has made to His children.

C. He teaches us all about Himself and the Lord Jesus Christ and the hope we have of living with the Lord eternally.

D. He teaches us how to worship, praise, and honor Him as we live in the world.

2. What should we crave? Why?(2.2)

Acts 20: 32

32 “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Col. 3: 16

16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

3. What have believers tasted?(2:3)

1 Peter 2:3

³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Tasted - experienced

Kindness (goodness and grace) of the Lord

Jeremiah 15:16

¹⁶ Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

4. How did God and people treat the “living Stone” (Christ) differently? ([2:4](#))

1 Peter 2:4

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,

Choice and precious in the sight of God

4. How did God and people treat the “living Stone” (Christ) differently? ([2:4](#))

Jesus is the rock

1 Corinthians 10:4

⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the **rock was Christ.**

The living stone is Christ – He lives forever.

Romans 6:9

⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is ever to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

4. How did God and people treat the “living Stone” (Christ) differently? ([2:4](#))

1. The **living cornerstone (Jesus Christ)** is the first stone laid. All other stones are placed after it.

A. **Christ** is the *author* of salvation. All others are Christians who desire to follow Him.

Hebrews 2:10

¹⁰ For it was fitting for **Him**, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, **to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.**

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B. Christ is the ***source*** of our salvation resulting is Eternal Life to all who obey

Hebrews 5:9

⁹ And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the **source of eternal salvation,**

4. How did God and people treat the “living Stone” (Christ) differently? ([2:4](#))

2. The **cornerstone** is the supportive stone. All other stones are placed upon it and held up by it. They all rest upon it. The cornerstone has position and power.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But **each man must be careful how he builds on it.**

¹¹ For no man can lay a **foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

4. How did God and people treat the “living Stone” (Christ) differently? ([2:4](#))

3. The living stone is the stone to which men must come if they are to become a part of God’s building.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

²⁶ "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

²⁷ "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."

5. In what way are we like living stones? (2:5)

1 Peter 2:5

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

A. Built up as a spiritual house

B. A holy priesthood

C. To offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

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Spiritual House

These suffering Christians of the first century are encouraged by realizing that the God who chose Jesus to be his cornerstone has chosen them to be the stones built upon that stone, which all would become the new temple of God.

A holy priesthood – It is a privilege to access God as priests

OT Heb. 9: 1 - 10

**The earthly sanctuary or
tabernacle: Was for divine
worship, but it was only an earthly
sanctuary**

A high priest

Many priests (Tribe of Levi)

Lev. 16

NT Heb. 9: 11-14

**The heavenly sanctuary or
tabernacle: Is served by Christ—who
provides all good things**

Jesus in our High Priest

Christians are a holy priesthood – All
Christians can access God through
Jesus via prayer.

5. In what way are we like living stones? (2:5)

To offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ

OT - emphasis on “sacrifices of the heart” being part of what God desires for proper worship

NT – Focus on worshiping God through Christ’s atonement for sins.

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.

5. In what way are we like living stones? (2:5)

1 Corinthians 10:31

³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Hebrews 13:15-16

¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

5. In what way are we like living stones? (2:5)

Spiritual Service

Praise

Glory

Honor

Love

Deeds you do

Acts of love you display to others

Words you speak

Songs you sing

6. What will happen to those who trust in the "Cornerstone"? ([2:6](#))

1 Peter 2:6

⁶ For *this* is contained in Scripture:

"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE
STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*,

**AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL
NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.**"

7. How was Christ treated differently by believers and unbelievers? ([2:7](#))

1 Peter 2:7

⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"

Psalms 118:22

²² The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner *stone*.

8. In what way did the "Stone" (Christ) cause some people to stumble? (2:8)

1 Peter 2:8

⁸ and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.

Disobedient

8. In what way did the "Stone" (Christ) cause some people to stumble? ([2:8](#))

Jesus is:

1. The living stone (Vs 4)
2. The precious corner stone ((Is. 28: 16)
Vs 6)
3. A stone of stumbling ((Is. 8: 14) Vs 8)
4. A rock of offense ((Is. 8: 14) Vs 8)

1 Peter 2: 4 – 8

A. Christ is the living stone

1 Peter 1: 4

B. Believers are Living stones

1 Peter 1: 5 - 6

C. Unbelievers are disobedient builders

1 Peter 1: 7 - 8

He was rejected by me, but chosen by God

Believers are being built into a spiritual house, an eternal church

Believers are priests with open access to God

Believers are a fulfillment of prophecy

Unbelievers disqualify the stone, Christ – the Cornerstone,, as the foundation of their lives

Unbelievers stumble and fall over the stone

Unbelievers disobey the message – the Word of God

9. What is the outcome of their faith? (2:9)

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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Believer's have a number of spiritual privileges is God through Christ:

Chosen people

Royal priesthood

Holy nation – set apart to God

A possession of God

Proclaim the wonderful gift God gave us

Salvation

9. What is the outcome of their faith? (2:9)

Ephesians 4:15-16

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, even Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love

10. How does our past condition compare with our present one? (2:10)

1 Peter 2:10

¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

A. People of God

B. You received mercy

Hosea 2:23

²³ "I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, 'You are my God!'"

11. From what did Peter urge his readers to abstain? Why? (2:11)

1 Peter 2:11

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

A. Purify your souls

B. Live as a faithful Christian

12. Why is it important for believers to live good lives? (2:12)

1 Peter 2:12

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Your conduct as a faithful Christian will glorify God