

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Sept 1 Peter 1:1-12 A Living Hope
- 2) 11 Sept 1 Peter 1:13-25 Be Holy
- 3) 18 Sept 1 Peter 2:1-10 **Building Our Faith**
- 4) 25 Sept 1 Peter 2:11-25 Living as Strangers
- 5) 02 Oct 1 Peter 3:1-12 Living in Relationship
- 6) 09 Oct 1 Peter 3:13-22 Always Ready
- 7) 16 Oct 1 Peter 4:1-11 Equipped to Live
- 8) 23 Oct 1 Peter 4:12-19 When Ridiculed
- 9) 30 Oct 1 Peter 5:1-14 Alert Living
- 10) 6 Nov 2 Peter 1:3-11 Being Useful
- 11) 13 Nov 2 Peter 1:1-21 With Trust
- 12) 20 Nov 2 Peter 2:1-22 / Jude 1-25 On Guard
- 13) 27 Nov 2 Peter 3:1-18 With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION

- These 10 verses are jammed pack with more doctrinal positions such as experiencing (i.e. "tasting") God in our lives; the priesthood of believers; salvation through Christ; the disobedient are appointed to destruction; and obedient believers are chosen for better things

Passage	Comments
1Peter 2:1	<p>Put Away Sins of the Flesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These sins of "malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander" are hateful actions against others • Peter doesn't say pray about it but to STOP IT NOW • Why are we often times slow about turning sin off?
2:2	<p>Sincere Milk of the Word vs Sugar Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk is used as a spiritual analogy by Peter, Paul (1Cor 3:2), and the author of Hebrews (Heb 5:13) • Peter is the only one to use MILK as a positive analogy • Paul and the author of Hebrews convey the use of MILK as something for immature believers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 1Cor 3:2. <i>I (Paul) have fed you with MILK, and not with meat: for ye were not able to bear it</i> (in other words, these immature believers – though they had every conceivable spiritual gift available for the church, were not ready for the deeper things of God) ♦ Heb 5:13. <i>For every one that uses MILK is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.</i> • Milk is basically sugar water, but "sincere milk" or cream is more substantive in its nutrients • Peter conveys the "sincere milk of the word" to be the undiluted, accurate, and correctly applied teachings of Scripture, which are able to make us grow spiritually • On the other hand, diluted, false, or misapplied teachings of Scripture stunts one's growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Diluted teachings would involve minimizing sin ♦ False teachings would twist or negate the truth ♦ Misapplied teachings make mountains from molehills
2:3	<p>"Tasting" or Experiencing God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we know we have truly tasted the kindness of God when even non-believers experience good things? • Psalms 34:8. <i>O taste and see that the LORD is good.</i> Godly experiences are nice; but experiences are not required for spiritual growth John 20:29 • Note. Though one has tasted or experienced God's blessings doesn't mean they are saved Heb 6:5-6
2:4-6	<p>God's House is Built with Living Stones (You & Me)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all of us Living Stones are built perfectly square, or contain the right mix of ingredients, or look like the stones that surround us – but our Master Builder will eventually conform us to His image He wants for us

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2:7-8	<p>The Wicked are Appointed to Destruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Calvinists use these types of passages to justify their position that the wicked are predetermined to refuse to believe, which dooms unbelievers to Hell • HOWEVER, a better and more accurate interpretation is the penalty for disobedience is predetermined • Consider this perspective – A loving parent will convey to their kids that disobedient children are appointed for disciplinary action. In like fashion, the wicked are indeed appointed to destruction due to their chosen behavior, but that does not mean a wicked person cannot choose to make a U-turn in life and accept and follow Christ see 1Peter 2:10 • Even Judas had warnings about his behavior. Like Cain, if he had done well and obeyed, his attitude would have improved, but if not, sin was crouching at the door, and its desire was to master him, but he was responsible to master it Genesis 4:7
2:9	<p>What Benefit does God Get from Christ's Sacrifice?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, what do we get? WE GET IT ALL – "All the riches in glory" • What does God get out of the deal besides watching His precious Son die at the hands of sinners? • God receives glory from our redemption through proclamation of His greatness and manifold wisdom throughout His creation also see Ephesians 3:10
2:10	<p>Our Past Once Doomed Us – Now Our Future is Glory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where we were once disobedient and heading for Hell, we are now saved heading for Heaven. Also, we were once not chosen for mercy, but now we are chosen. We were once not a people (non-elect), but now we are the people of God (elect) [Calvinists hate this passage]

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- To grow spiritually we have 2 choices – we can do it the hard way or the easy way. The easy way is to obey God's word on a daily basis and not fight the Lord's refining fire that is often needed

NEXT WEEK: 1Peter 2:11-25. "Submit yourselves to every governing authority" – and this was stated during the tyrannical reign of Nero!



MILK - IT DOES A BODY GOOD!

But anyone who lives on milk is still an infant (Heb 5:13)