

"A Chosen People"
1 Peter 2:1-10

1. Peter calls believers to repent and exhorts them to rid themselves of 5 sins of attitude and speech. These appetites sustain the old nature but should not characterize those who are born again.
What are they?

2. In contrast, Peter wanted his readers in verse 2 to be like newborn babies and to be as eager for the nourishment of the Word as babies are for milk. Do you remember what it was like when you first came to faith in Christ? Describe your hunger for spiritual truth. Has your yearning for the Word of God waned or diminished at all since you were a young believer? If so, how can a desire and excitement for the Scriptures and the things of Him be reignited?

3. After believers put aside impure desires and motives (v,1), they then need to feed on wholesome spiritual food that produces growth and maturity in Christ. Why should we approach the Word of God with clean hearts and minds and with eager anticipation?

4. Read Psalm 34:8 and 1 Peter 2:2. These verses liken our present knowledge of Christ to what sense?

According to these verses, when we first come to Christ, we have taken a sample and experience His grace in the new birth and what do we then learn of His character?

5. Peter then uses the metaphor of the stone and refers to Christ as the "living Stone" (v. 4). How was Christ "rejected by men"?

Believers are identified with Christ for He is the living Stone and they are like living stones. As we become more like Jesus and are further conformed to His image, we are being built into a spiritual house.

Read 1 Peter 2:9 and Revelation 1:6. How do these verses identify all believers?

6. Read Isaiah 28:16; Psalm 118:22; and Isaiah 8:14. What contrast is presented in 1 Peter 2:6-8 between those who believe in Christ as Lord and those who do not?

7. As royal priests and a holy nation and a people belonging to God whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, what are we to proclaim?