

1ST PETER

As we begin the second chapter, it may seem Peter is sounding like a broken record. He continues to elaborate on what “being holy” looks like in the life of a child of God.



CHAPTER 2:1-3

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

How can one possibly rid themselves of these things?

What is the spiritual milk we are to crave, and what is it able to do for us?

Have you tasted the goodness of the Lord? If so, how?

CHAPTER 2:4-8

Now, Peter reminds them once more of who they are.

⁴ As you come to Him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him--⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

How are believers identified in this passage and what is it we are being called to do?

Reading on, Peter quotes some passages from the Old Testament, demonstrating once again that this had been God's plan all along.

⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," ⁸ and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for.

It had been foreseen that some would embrace Christ, but others would reject Him. How had that come true?

If Jesus is indeed your “cornerstone,” how is it that He could be “a stumbling block” to others?

Points to Ponder

How much do you crave Jesus and His word?

Do you think we convey to others how “good the Lord tastes” to us?

If Jesus is our cornerstone, how come we are so insecure and easily shaken at times by life's calamities?

