

LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 7

ASSESSING YOUR APPETITE

The Priority of and the Path to Spiritual Growth

(1 Peter 2:1-3)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER CONTEXT:

1. The **Revelation** of the Gospel: **How It Came** to Us: (1:10-12)

"As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you..."

2. The **Ramifications** of the Gospel: **What It Means** to Us: (1:13-25)

"Therefore..." (v. 13a)

a. A **Settled Hope** that **Leads** to Holiness. (v. 13-21)

*"...like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves also in all your behavior...**"*

b. A **Sincere Love** that is **Shaped** by Holiness. (v. 22-25)

*"Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls **for a sincere love of the brethren**, fervently **love one another** from the heart..."*

- This love is a **supernatural, sincere, strong and steadfast** love.
- It is God's intention, as a consequence of our being "born again to a living hope", that we not only be **conformed to the character** of Christ but that we also be **committed to His community**.

THE CONNECTOR:

"Therefore,..."

1A. _____ **THE** _____ . (v. 1)

*"...**putting aside** all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander..."*

2A. _____ **THE** _____. (v. 2)

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

1B. The _____ : Answers the Question, _____?

2B. The _____ : Answers the Question, _____?

3B. The _____ : Answers the Question, _____?

3A. _____ **THE** _____. (v. 3).

“...**if you have tasted** the kindness of the Lord.”

CONCLUSION:

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

—2 Peter 3:18