

1 PETER

A LIVING HOPE IN CHRIST



Textual Commentary:

1. Looking back to chapter 1 verse 22, Peter continues his argument of **loving one another earnestly** from a pure heart.
2. These sins are **contrary to the sincere brotherly love** mentioned in chapter 1 verse 22.
3. Peter **emphasizes** and **repeats** the word 'all' 3 times.
4. The ESV translation uses the phrase "to put away," while the NIV, CSB, and others say "**rid yourselves.**"

1 Peter 2:1

1 **So** put away **all** malice and **all** deceit and hypocrisy and envy and **all** slander.

Textual Commentary:

1. Peter uses this metaphor to show how Christians should **LONG** for the Word of God, which he refers to as "pure spiritual milk."
2. We should have a **continual longing for the goodness of God**, especially after tasting it ourselves.
3. Scripture is where our **nourishment** comes from, giving us strength and maturity in Christ.
4. We are **progressively sanctified** by the Word and transformed into Christlikeness, growing up into salvation.

1 Peter 2:2

2 Like newborn infants, **long** for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may **grow up into salvation—**

Textual Commentary:

1. **We know the gift of his salvation**
and have great reason to desire and
meditate on his Word, allowing it to
transform our lives.

1 Peter 2:3

3 if indeed you have **tasted that the Lord is good.**

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“He drank and tasted the bitter cup of God’s wrath so that we can taste the sweet nectar of him and his salvation.”

DANIEL AKIN

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 8:3



“O my brethren, what can be better for informing the understanding than the Word of God? Would you know God? Would you know yourself? Then search this Book. Would you know time, and how to spend it? Would you know eternity, and how to be prepared for it? Then, search for this Book. Would you know the evil of sin, and how to be delivered from it? Would you know the plan of salvation, and how you can have a share in it? This is the Book which will instruct you in all these matters.”

CHARLES SPURGEON

Living Stones

Textual Commentary:

1. Jesus is described as a **living stone**.
2. There is a distinct contrast between **humanity's rejection of Jesus** and **God's view of him** as the chosen and precious cornerstone.

1 Peter 2:4

4 As you come to him, a **living stone** rejected by men but in the sight of God **chosen and precious,**

REJECTED

John 1:11

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Mark 8:31

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS

Philippians 2:9

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Textual Commentary:

1. Every individual believer, who is **filled with the Holy Spirit**, is like a living stone.
2. When we come together, **stone by stone**, we form the Church.
3. Why are we being built up? **To be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ!
4. We are no longer in need of an OT high priest to present our offering for the atonement of sin, but instead, Jesus serves and fulfills both roles: the **perfect sacrifice** and the **perfect High Priest**.

1 Peter 2:5

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

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“There can no longer be an elite priesthood with claims of special access to God, or special privileges in worship or in fellowship with God.”

WAYNE GRUDEM

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For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:18-22





“It is ‘through Jesus Christ,’ which is to say, on the basis of the immeasurable worth of his person and work, that any such sacrifice is deemed acceptable and worthy of the God to whom it is offered.”

SAM STORMS

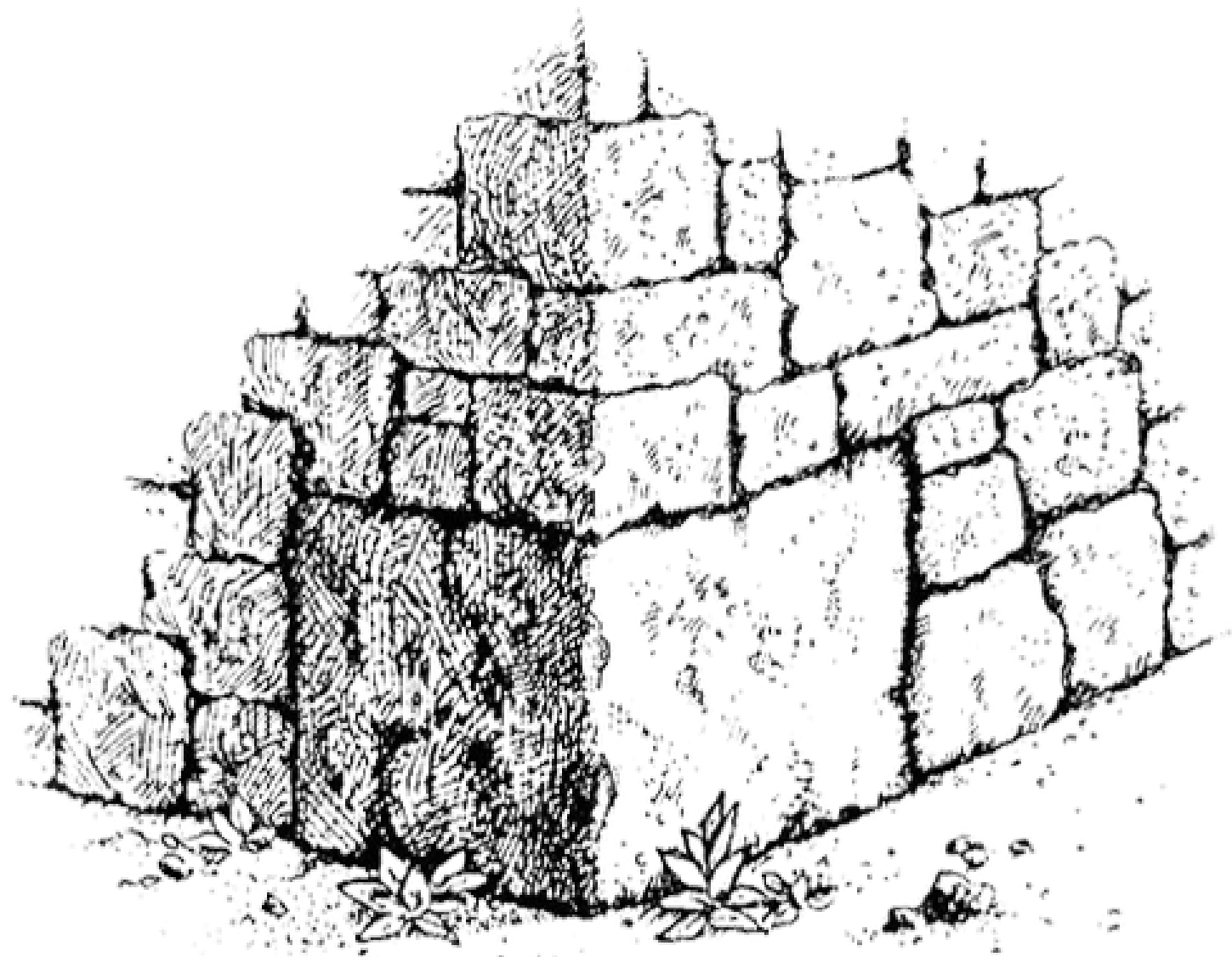
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7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

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“A stone of **stumbling**, and a rock of **offense**.”

They **stumble** because they **disobey the word**, as they were destined to do.



“Somewhat paradoxically, the very stone rejected by the world, the stone that causes stumbling and offense in the hearts of those who reject him, is the sure and certain foundation for those who believe. This stumbling or unbelief at the gospel of Jesus was not unknown to God and poses no threat to his purposes, for it was something ‘they were destined to do.’”

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Textual Commentary:

1. While we often define ourselves and categorize our identities by our lived experiences, Jesus disseminates those labels.

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are **a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,** that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**In Jesus, we are a chosen race—not defined by ethnicity,
but by our faith and belief in the risen Savior.**

**In Jesus, we are a royal priesthood—which relates not to
those appointed to priestly service, but to everyone who
has come under the lordship of our King.**

**In Jesus, we are a holy nation—not defined by
geopolitical entities on earth, but united in our loyalty
to Christ as the head of his church.**

**In Jesus, we are a people for his own possession—for we
bear his image and wholly belong to him.**

**Because we have been declared
righteous, bought by the blood
of the lamb, these statuses give
us the grounds to know and
proclaim the excellencies of him
who called us out of darkness
into his marvelous light!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:1-3



Textual Commentary:

1. This verse highlights the character of God and reminds us that we are **united** as one people.
2. He is merciful to us, and **it is only by him and through him** that we can claim our identity as his people.

1 Peter 2:10

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are **God's people**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have **received mercy**.

**Appeals To Live
a Holy Life**

Textual Commentary:

1. As sojourners, we are like **aliens** in this land.
2. As exiles, we have **no place to call home**.
3. This battle not only rages within us, but also on foreign soil!

1 Peter 2:11

11 **Beloved**, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to **abstain** from the passions of the flesh, which **wage war** against your soul.

Textual Commentary:

1. The unbelieving world **WILL** speak against us and this may cause opposition, but we are to **keep our conduct honorable**. Why? So that they may **see our good deeds and glorify God**.

1 Peter 2:12

12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles **honorable**, so that **when** they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and **glorify God** on the day of visitation.

**Our lives are reflections of the
salvation and hope we find in
Christ, so by demonstrating
Christ's love and character to a
watching world, we have the
opportunity to be a light in the
darkness!**

that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Philippians 2:15



LIVE THE TEXT

1. Together as living stones, having tasted that the Lord is good, **long for God's Word** [pure spiritual milk] in order that we may rid ourselves and our community of sin, growing us up into salvation.
2. **Live into your exalted status** as a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people for his own possession in order that we may **make known the excellencies of him** who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light!

Live The Text

