

1 PETER

LIVING HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

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First

1 Peter 2:1-10 calls God's elect, exiles to _____.

I GROW IN MY FAITH WHEN I... ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

1. Get rid of the _____ that _____.

“ 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.”

~ 1 PETER 2:1-3 (NIV)

Common Characteristics of Infants:

- Unstable in their emotions
- Insecure
- Gullible
- Possessive
- Self Focused
- Crave Immediate Gratification

2. Take in the proper _____ of _____.

“ Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation”

~ 1 PETER 2:2 (NIV)

“ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, 'All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.'”

~ 1 PETER 1:23-25 (NIV)

“ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty.”

~ JEREMIAH 15:16 (NIV)

3. Build my life on the _____.

“ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans 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. 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 cornerstone,'⁸ and, 'A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.”

~ 1 PETER 2:4-8 (NIV)

Five Observations About Jesus in 1 Peter 2:4-8:

- Jesus is the true and greater _____.
- Jesus is the _____ cornerstone.
- Jesus is the _____ ... and living hope (1:3) and living word (1:23)
- Jesus is rejected by some but the _____ to others.
- Jesus' followers are stones that make up a _____.

4. Step into my true _____.

“ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

~ 1 PETER 2:9-10 (NIV)

DISCUSSION Questions:

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- 1- What would you say was one of the more challenging parts of becoming a “grown up” for you? How is “adulting” different today than it was when you became an adult?
- 2- Why would you say it is so important specifically for the scattered exiles that Peter was writing to to “Grow Up?” Pastor Glen suggested that these are times when American Christians, like those in Peter's day, need a new commitment to Grow Up in their faith. Do you agree or disagree?
- 3- Review the four points related to our call to grow up:
 - a. Get rid of the sins that hold me back. Read 1 Peter 2:1. How is getting rid of sins a part of growing up spiritually? Why do you think Peter chooses the five sins that he does in this verse?
 - b. Take in the proper nutrition of God's Word. Think of all the times God's word is compared to food: Meat, milk, bread, honey, etc. Why do you think this is? What do you think it would look like for you to get “more serious” about God's word?
 - c. Build my life on the right foundation. Read 1 Peter 2:4-8. What phrases or images stand out to you as significant? Review the five observations about Jesus from the notes. Why do you think this example of Jesus as a “stone” is so important? How has Jesus been a rock in your life?
 - d. Step into my true identity. Read 1 Peter 2:8-10. How do these verses make you feel? Which of these designated identities is most empowering to you? Which would you like to grow in?
- 4- Share with your group which of those four areas mentioned in 1 Peter 2:1-10 would you like to grow in and why.

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