

Building His Spiritual House

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“²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because

*“All flesh is as grass,
And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.*

The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

²⁵ But the word of the Lord endures forever.”

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.”

- I. KNOW: We are saved
 - A. Purified by obedience to the Word
 - “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit” 1 Peter 1:22
 - B. Born again through the Eternal word of God
 - “...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” 1 Peter 1:23
 - “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17
 - C. Taught by the word of God – the Gospel
 - “Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.” 1 Peter 1:25
- II. GROW: God is Building His spiritual house
 - “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart...” 1 Peter 1:22
 - “Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
 - ⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:1-5
 - A. Loving one another

- “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart...” 1 Peter 1:22

B. Laying aside sin

- “Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking...” 1 Peter 2:1
 - Malice – evil, to have a harmful intent, a desire to inflict harm – to be mean! To be unkind.
 - Deceit – concealing/distorting the truth for the purpose of misleading someone – it is when we deceive each other
 - Hypocrisy – pretending – faking it – for any reason whatsoever
 - Envy - coveting, often the result of being discontent with what we have, where we are at, etc. but not wanting others to have things either.
 - Evil Speaking – That is slander – to defame, most often verbally, doesn’t have to be in writing

C. Longing for the word

- “...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” 1 Peter 2:1-3
- Psalm 119:129-131 talks about this in poetic language that is so easy to relate to...

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful;
 Therefore my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰ The entrance of Your words gives light;
 It gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹ I opened my mouth and panted,
 For I longed for Your commandments.” Psalm 119:129-131

III. SHOW: Praise Him and proclaim Him to the world

- “⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:4-5
- “⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10

A. Offer up spiritual sacrifices

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B. Be all He has called us to be

- “⁹But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” 1 Peter 2:9

C. Magnify Him for His mercy

- “¹⁰...who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.” 1 Peter 2:10
- Psalm 136:26 “Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.”