

WE STAND FIRM

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

Live Like You Belong To Jesus

1 Peter 1:13-2:3 | August 30, 2026

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 2:2

- **We are meant to grow in our relationship with Jesus.**

If Jesus has changed your future destination, He should change how you live in the present.

- **Whatever has been handed down to you doesn't have to be handed down through you.**

The blood of Jesus is more powerful than the brokenness of a family tree.

- **Spiritual growth is a necessity for a believer.**

We should rid ourselves of sin and crave what nourishes our faith.

Application: **What is your next step toward Jesus?**

NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NextGen Open House: August 30 at 6:00 PM

Kids Christmas Program Rehearsal: September 13 at 6:00 PM

Habitat for Humanity Build: September 20 at 12:00 & 1:30 PM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

If someone gave you a “spiritual well check” today, what would your chart show? Would it show steady growth, a plateau, or something else? Share honestly with the group.

A DEEPER DIVE:

- » Peter connects the living hope described in 1 Peter 1:1-12 directly to how believers should live in the present – in what specific ways does your awareness of that hope actually shape your daily choices and behavior?
- » What does it look like practically to refuse complacency with sin while still resting in grace?
- » Reverent fear is a deep awareness of who God is that changes the way we live – where in your life do you sense that kind of reverent fear is either present or noticeably absent?
- » Whatever has been handed down to you through your family does not have to be handed down through you – what inherited pattern or struggle do you most need to bring before God in light of that truth?
- » Peter warns against being an imposter who learns the cues of Christianity without actually growing in relationship with Jesus – what is one area of your faith where you may be performing familiarity rather than pursuing genuine depth?
- » Spiritual maturity is not measured by how long you have been a Christian but by whether you are becoming more like Jesus – what evidence in your life over the past year suggests that transformation is actually taking place?
- » Peter instructs believers to first rid themselves of malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander, and then to crave spiritual nourishment – why do you think the act of letting go must come before the act of craving, and what does that order reveal about how growth works?
- » Imposters do not stand firm when trials, temptations, and hardship arrive – what specific next step toward Jesus do you need to take now, before the next hard season comes, to ensure that what is inside you is genuine?

NEXT STEPS:

Choose one or two of the following to commit to before your next group meeting.

Take your next step toward Jesus. What is your next step toward Jesus? Not someone else's step, but yours. Write it down. Share it with one person in the group who will follow up with you.

Identify a complacent sin. Is there a sin you have made peace with? Name it honestly before God this week. Bring it to Him in prayer and ask Him to give you both the desire and the power to address it.

Break a generational pattern. Identify one thing handed down to you from your family of origin that you do not want to pass on. Share it with a trusted person in your group and ask them to pray with you and check in on you.