



*Go for God!*

**The First Epistle of PETER**  
**Chapter 2:1-10**  
**“How To Build a Spiritual House!”**

**I) LIVING WORD (Blueprints: v1-3)**

**(v1) What are we to lay aside?**

- **ALL Malice** - *The direct intention or desire to harm others.*
  
- **ALL Deceit** - *To mislead by falsehood.*
  
- **ALL Hypocrisy** - *Play-acting.*
  
- **ALL Envy** - *A feeling of discontent or resentment for someone else's possessions or advantages.*
  
- **ALL Evil Speaking** - *Backbiting, defamation.*

**(v2) as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby**

**- Breast milk is important for babies because:**

- It provides ideal nutrition and supports growth and development.
- It contains antibodies that protect against infection and boost immunity.
- It has the right amount of nutrients for baby's development.
- It promotes healthy weight gain.
- It changes in composition to meet baby's nutritional needs over time.
- It soothes the baby naturally.
- It lowers the risk of asthma, allergies, ear infections, and respiratory illnesses.
- It helps brain growth and nervous system development.

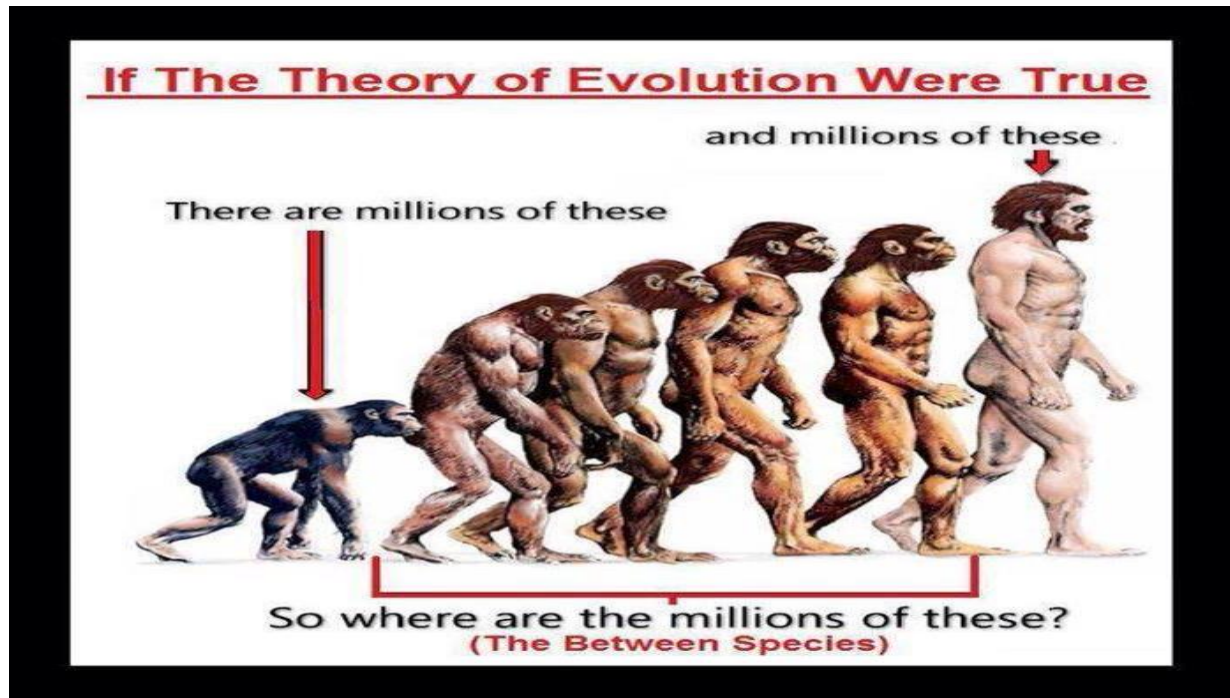
**(v3) Have you tasted that the LORD is gracious! - A taste excites the appetite!**

**~ What does the Word of God do for us?**

**- Evidence of a Creator - Hebrews 11:3- *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.***

**\* The Bible is filled with Historical evidence - Geological evidence - Geographical evidence - Archeological evidence - Personal evidence.**

- What is the evidence for Evolution a phony drawing by artist:



~ Let us build our lives on the truth of God's Word:

- Joshua 1:6-9 - *Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

- Psalm 1 - *Brings blessings & prosperity.*

- Psalm 19 – The Word of God brings "GREAT REWARD!"

- Psalm 119:9 - *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

- Psalm 119:11 - *Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!*

- Psalm 119:47 - *And I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I love.*

- Psalm 119:97 - *Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.*
- Psalm 119:130 - *The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.*
- Psalm 119:133 - *Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.*
- Psalm 119:105 - *Your word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path.*
- Romans 10:17 - *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
- 2 Timothy 3:15 - *that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
- Jeremiah 15:16 - *Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.*
- Jesus said in Matthew 7:24-27- *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Now everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*
- Listen to this inspiring comment entitled: THE HABIT OF BIBLE READING

## *II) LIVING STONES (Materials: v4-8)*

*(v4-5) Christians are living stones - Christians are building a spiritual house - Ephesians 2:19-22 - Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

- Christians are a holy priesthood – John MacArthur writes, “OT priests and NT believer-priests share a number of characteristics:

- 1) priesthood is an elect privilege (Ex 28:1; Jn 15:16);
  - 2) priests are cleansed of sins (Lev 8:6–36; Titus 2:14);
  - 3) priests are clothed for service (5:5; Ex 28:42; Lev 8:7ff.; Ps 132:9, 16);
  - 4) priests are anointed for service (Lev 8:12, 30; 1Jn 2:20, 27);
  - 5) priests are prepared for service (Lev 8:33; 9:4, 23; Gal 1:16; 1Ti 3:6);
  - 6) priests are ordained to obedience (v. 4; Lev 10:1ff.);
  - 7) priests are to honor the Word of God (v. 2; Mal 2:7);
  - 8) priests are to walk with God (Mal 2:6; Gal 5:16, 25);
  - 9) priests are to impact sinners (Mal 2:6; Gal 6:1); and
  - 10) priests are messengers of God (Mal 2:7; Mt 28:19, 20).
- The main privilege of a priest, however, is access to God.”

- Christians offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ:

- (1) *Offering one’s body to God (Ro. 12:1,2);*
- (2) *praising God (Heb. 13:15);*
- (3) *doing good (Heb. 13:16);*
- (4) *sharing one’s resources (Heb. 13:16);*
- (5) *bringing people to Christ (Ro. 15:16);*
- (6) *sacrificing one’s desires for the good of others (Eph. 5:2);*
- (7) *praying (Rev. 8:3).*

(v6-8) Scofield writes Christ is the Rock (or Stone):

- (7) struck that the Spirit of life may flow from Him to all who will drink (Ex. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4; cp. Jn. 4:13-14; 7:37-39);

(2) to the Church, the foundation and chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:20);

(3) to the Jews at His first coming, a “stumbling stone” (Ro. 9:32-33; 1 Cor. 1:23);

(4) to Israel at His second coming, the “capstone” of the corner (Zech. 4:7);

(5) to the Gentile world power, the striking “stone . . . cut out without hands” (Dan. 2:34);



(6) in the divine purpose, the Stone which, after the destruction of Gentile world power, is to grow and fill the earth (Dan. 2:35); and

(7) to unbelievers, the crushing Stone of judgment that will grind those on whom it falls to powder (Mt. 21:44).

### **III) A CHOSEN GENERATION (Family: v9-10)**

~ Peter declares – “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; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

- **A CHOSEN GENERATION** – Matthew 24:32-35 – “*Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near — at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.*

- **A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD** – Revelation 1:5-6 – *To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*

- **A HOLY NATION** – **Philippians 3:20-21** – *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

- **HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE** - **Rom 1:7** - *To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- **Galatians 2:20** – *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

**Conclusion:** *that you (we) may proclaim the praises of Him who called you (us) out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

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