

The Letters of Peter: 1 Peter 2

Sunday, October 9 and Wednesday, October 12

Verses 1 – 3

- Summarize the point that Peter makes by beginning this chapter with the word “therefore” or “so”. What information does he reference from the previous chapter?
- Describe Peter’s reference to Christians as newborn babes (or infants). What is the milk that he refers to, and how does it lead to the growth that he mentions? (*Hebrews 5: 12 – 14*)

Verses 4 – 10

- Describe the meaning behind Peter’s reference to Christ as a “living stone” in Verses 4 – 5, and why is it significant that he refers to Christians as living stones as well? What are the “spiritual sacrifices” that we offer? (*Hebrews 13: 15 – 16*)
- What is significant about Christ being referred to as a “chief cornerstone” in Verse 6? (*Isaiah 28: 16; Ephesians 2: 19 – 22*)
- In Verses 7 – 8, describe how Christ is a “stone of stumbling” to those who are disobedient (or do not believe). (*Psalms 118: 22; Isaiah 8: 14*)
- Summarize how Peter defines Christians in Verses 9 – 10. How does this statement reflect upon our value to the Lord and His kingdom?

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Verses 11 – 12

- From Verse 11, describe Peter's reference to Christians as "sojourners and pilgrims" (or exiles, foreigners, and aliens). What characteristics do Christians share with people that meet those descriptions?
(*Philippians 3: 20; 2 Corinthians 5: 20*)
- Based on those similarities, what does Peter write about our resulting conduct and actions in Verse 12?

Verses 13 – 17

- From Verses 13 – 14, describe the actions we should take toward the laws established by those in government.
(*Romans 13: 1 – 7; Daniel 3: 8 – 12*)
- In Verses 15 – 16, what is the intended outcome of submitting to governing authorities? How does this relate to the liberty / freedom that Peter references in Verse 16? (*Galatians 5: 1; Galatians 5: 13*)

Verses 18 – 25

- Summarize the message that Peter delivers in Verses 18 – 20. How can we apply this message? (*2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 5*)
- Consider the description of Christ provided in Verses 21 – 25. Summarize the key points included in this description. (*Isaiah 53: 9*)
- In reference to Peter's message in Verses 22 – 25, how can we strive to imitate the example that Christ set for us? (*Matthew 5: 43 – 45*)