

Connection

If you could only drink one of these and had to eliminate the other two from your life, which would it be: Coffee, Soda, Tea?

Content

The book of 1 Peter begins with a beautiful description of the miracle that God gave us:
Salvation through Jesus Christ and life forever with Him.

Two Imperatives... Rid Yourself & Crave the Pure Spiritual Milk

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3.

First, Peter begins by telling us that we need to share the Gospel with others and are challenged to **rid ourselves** of things like "deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander." To rid ourselves means to take off and remove from ourselves.

1. What is something you can work to rid yourself of that will help give the glory to God?

Secondly, Peter is telling the readers that we are to "**crave pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." We are to crave the Bible and, just like milk, we may grow through it.

2. How have you experienced growth in your life because of God?

Jesus is... Our Cornerstone

Read 1 Peter 2:4-8.

Peter reminds us that Jesus has been rejected. "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" and yet to us who believe, "this stone is precious."

3. Jesus will not be accepted by everyone, but to us believers we understand He is the cornerstone, the most precious of all. Do you have anyone in your life who rejects Jesus or perhaps doesn't understand why Christ is so precious to you?

Christians to... Civil Authorities

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17.

4. Why does Peter seek to remind us to submit to civil authorities and how are we supposed to act accordingly?

Employees to... Bosses

Read 1 Peter 2:18-20.

We can find ourselves perhaps getting caught up on our American understanding of slavery as we read what Peter wrote in this passage. In the biblical sense, however, slaves received a wage and typically could actually buy their freedom. As such, understanding this passage in the sense of employees to your boss may help put it in perspective.

5. Who is a great leader who you worked for, and how did it compare as it would to a poor one?

Wives to... Husbands

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6

This passage is not saying all women should to submit to all men. Rather, it is the understanding that this husband isn't a believer and the wife is. This wife, through how she lives her life and shows the unfading beauty of Christ in her, will be able to share Jesus with her husband.

6. When has some shared Christ with you by perhaps not their words, but rather their actions, living their life in a way that honors Christ?

Commitment

In closing, read 1 Peter 2:21-25 & 1 Peter 2:1-3.

We are called, as co-heirs with Christ, to live a life that gives the glory to God because Christ has suffered and died for us.

7. This week, reflect on this passage and ask yourself, "How can I make a commitment to desire Christ, and grow in my relationship with Him?"

Put to memory this week:

1 Peter 2:21

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."