

# **I Peter**

## (5) Therefore, Grow Up

*Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 1 Peter 1:22, NIV*

### ***Understanding who you are in Christ...IPet.1:22-2:5***

What does Peter command us ‘now that you have purified yourselves...’? 1:22; IJn.3:10

**Because you are obeying the truth, love one another (believers) deeply, from the heart.**

How is this command (love other believers) taught elsewhere in the NT? Gal.6:10; Eph.2:19

**Believers are part of God’s family, brothers/sisters in Christ. Love each other ‘most’.**

How is this kind of love evidenced? 4:8; Rom.5:5, 12:10; Jn.13:34-35

**By a Spirit driven fervent love for other believers. It’s a sure test of genuine salvation.**

Rather than perishable seed (human), how are believers ‘born again’? 1:23; Gal.4:6; Rom.8:15

**By the imperishable seed of God, through the word (logos) of God. He is our Father.**

To amplify the thought of *perishable* vs. *imperishable* what does Peter quote? 1:24-25; Is.40:6-8

**From Isaiah, ‘all flesh withers/dies, but the Word of the Lord stands forever’! Eternal.**

*like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 1 Peter 2:2, NASU*

What does God *expect* based on His gift of ‘loving each other’? 2:1; Col.3:8-11; Eph.4:22-25

**Get rid of all malice (intent to harm), deceit (to bait), hypocrisy (two-faced), envy, slander.**

What is the ‘newborn babies’ analogy meant to teach us? 2:2-3; Acts 17:11

**Those recently born-again need/crave the pure milk of the Word in order to grow up!**

What should happen to any believer? IIPet.3:18; Acts 20:32; ITim.4:6; Heb.5:12-14; ICor.3:2

**There should be spiritual growth in the Word. Move on from milk to solid food. Growth!!**

What then is *the* pathway to spiritual growth? Jn.8:31; James 1:25; IITim.3:16-17

**It is only the Word of God. Not worship, fellowship, church, seminars, etc. The Word!**

What description is given of Christ in 2:4? see Is.42:1; Mic.5:2; Acts 2:23; Heb.3:1-2, 5:4-5

**The Living Stone, rejected by men, Chosen by God and precious to Him. Dan.2:31-35**

What is one common theme we note here? 1:3; 1:23; 2:4; 2:5 note Mt.16:18

**Christ is our living hope, living Word, living Stone, and we are like Him, living stones!**

What is God doing with us, the *living stones*? 1:5; 2:9; Eph.2:19-22; Rev.1:6

**God’s building us into a holy temple and a holy priesthood. It’s His work, Spirit in us.**

What is the purpose? What is the temple/priesthood for? 1:5; Heb.13:15-16

**To offer spiritual sacrifices (praise, doing good, sharing) to God through Jesus Christ.**