

Strip Off Some Things and Crave the Word of God

1 Peter 02: 01–03

1 *The things to strip off*

- a. Malice — deceit — hypocrisy
- b. Envy — all slander

2 *The one thing to crave: The Word*

- a. The charge: Crave
- b. The purpose: To grow
- c. The result:
You taste the Lord's goodness

1 Therefore,
rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit,
hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind.

2 Like newborn babies,
crave pure spiritual milk,
so that by it you may grow up
in your salvation,

3 Now that you have tasted
that the Lord is good.

Come to Christ, the Living Stone

1 Peter 02:04–08

1 *Picture 1:*

***Christ is the Living Stone:
He was rejected by men,
but chosen by God***

2 *Picture 2:*

Believers are living stones

- a. Believers are being built into a spiritual house
- b. Believers are a holy priesthood
- c. Believers are a fulfilment of prophecy

3 *Picture 3:*

Unbelievers are disobedient builders

- a. They disqualify the stone
- b. Christ is made the Head of the corner anyway
- c. They stumble and fall over the stone
- d. The reason:
They disobey the message, the Word

4 As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him —

5 You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,”

8 And, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message — which is also what they were destined for.

Know Who You Are: The People of God

1 Peter 02:09–10

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| <p>1 <i>Know what kind of people you are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A chosen people b. A royal priesthood c. A holy nation d. A people who belong to God <p>2 <i>Know what your purpose is: To declare His praises</i></p> <p>3 <i>Know what has happened to you</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have become the people of God b. Have now received mercy | <p>9 But you are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people belonging to God,
that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.</p> <p>10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are the people of God;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.</p> |
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Abstain from Fleshly Lusts

1 Peter 02: 11–12

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| <p>1 <i>Reason 1: You are aliens and strangers on earth</i></p> <p>2 <i>Reason 2: Evil desires, lusts war against your soul</i></p> <p>3 <i>Reason 3: Unbelievers are watching</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. They speak against you b. They can experience the “day of visitation” through your testimony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) By your good works 2) Will glorify God | <p>11 Dear friends,
I urge you,
as aliens and strangers in the world,
to abstain from sinful desires,
which war against your soul.</p> <p>12 Live such good lives
among the pagans that,
though they accuse you of doing wrong,
they may see your good deeds
and glorify God
on the day he visits us.</p> |
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