

I PETER  
CHAPTER 2

**1** Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

**2** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

**3** If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

**4** To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

**5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

**6** Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

**7** Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

**8** And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

**9** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

**10** Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

**11** Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

**12** Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

**13** Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

**14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

**15** For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

**16** As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

**17** Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

**18** Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

**19** For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

**20**For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.

**21**For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

**22**Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

**23**Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

**24**Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

**25**For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.