

Discussion Notes for 1 Peter 2 (Part 2) v1-12

- Peter tells us to be like newborn infants in terms of our approach and consumption of the Word. How can we keep our appetite for the Word healthy?
- Read **verse 3** and then read **Psalm 34:8**. What does it mean to “**taste and see that the Lord is good**” ?
- In **chapter 1** Peter described Jesus as giving us **new birth into a living hope**. In this chapter Jesus is described as the “**living stone**” and us also as “**living stones**.” What do you think Peter is conveying to us by emphasizing all these images as “**living**?”
- What are the implications of the Body of Christ being a “**spiritual house**” for the Lord?” (v5)
- What does the image of a spiritual house imply about how you should view yourself, other Christians, and the church as a whole? (Consider looking up **1 Corinthians 3:9–16**; **Ephesians 2:19–22**)
- As “**priests**” unto God we are called to offer spiritual sacrifices. Pastor Paul used Romans 12:1 to discuss the sacrifice of ourselves to God. Look up **Psalm 51:17** and **Hebrews 13:15–16** for more on spiritual sacrifices. What spiritual sacrifices are being mentioned in those two passages?
- If you and all believers are a “**holy priesthood**,” what does this identity imply about your relationship with God, your purpose in life, and your relationships with other believers?
- Look up **Philippians 3:20–21** and **2 Corinthians 5:1, 20**. In light of these passages, what does it mean that believers are “**sojourners and exiles**” in the world? (v11)
- When Peter tells us to “**ABSTAIN from the passions of the flesh**” — what exactly is he saying? What passions is he talking about? Are ALL passions bad?
- How does giving into these passions “**wage war**” against our souls?