



The Epistles of Peter  
1 Peter 2:1-3  
From Sermon 10.26.25

Read *1 Peter 2:1-3*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: The Holy Spirit has Peter continue to show the correlation between righteousness and endurance. The first few verses of chapter 2 could even be viewed as a summary review of what was taught in chapter 1. Every genuine believer was changed/born again through the Gospel alone. Now, growth and maturity are expected through that same Word. But, where salvation is a monergistic work (the work of one party), sanctification is a cooperative work.

1. Peter, as much as anyone, understood the believer's relationship to sin. What does the term "laying aside" mean regarding our old nature and battle with the flesh? The term comes from fashion and wardrobe. It literally means to take off/remove. It is a conscious choice to see that which is no longer appropriate, no longer fits, is no longer in style, and in no way complements the new creation we are. Putting off the old self and putting on the new holy attire. See also *Colossians 3:8-10* & *Ephesians 4:19-24*

2. What (categories of) sins does Peter list that need to be removed from the life of the genuine believer? Malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander. [Again, this is not a comprehensive list but rather headings under which all sin would fall] How does each of these relate to one of the 10 Commandments and Christ's new Commandment? Loving God will result in holiness. Deceit and slander would be lying. Jesus said calling someone an idiot is equal to murder. We are commanded not to covet = envy. Jesus commanded us to love one another, even as He loves us.

3. Which one(s) do you struggle with the most? What spiritual action plan could you employ? Various Personal Answers.

4. How would you describe spiritual malnourishment? Having little to no intake of Scripture, having the holiness, wrath, and judgment removed from the Word, and being satisfied with junk food.  
See *Amos 8:11-12* & *Hosea 4:6*

5. Peter purposely uses the term "pure milk" to distinguish from the impure or the counterfeit. Review the three main ways the modern church has replaced the pure milk of the Word of God with something of their own design.

Fortified—Adding to the Word of God. Viewing it as insufficient. Manmade laws and rituals.

Flavored—Making the Word/Gospel more palatable. Removing hard doctrine. Avoiding sin issues.

Fake—Not even the Gospel. Teaching flowery principles of tolerance, acceptance, and motivation.

6. Does God expect us to be continually growing? Yes. Just as babies aren't told to grow...it's natural.

6a. How does this relate to the Bible's other use of "milk"? Elementary, shallow, beginner principles and teachings only and repeatedly. Some never move on from the basics. They have no taste or desire for maturity. See *Hebrews 5:12-6:2*

6b. Is Christian maturity just a matter of acquiring and memorizing more knowledge, facts, & data? No. while those are essential, we must apply them to our daily and church lives. See *Matthew 7:24*