

4 - GROWTH AND THE NEW BIRTH (1 PETER 2:1-10)

I. Nourishment through the Word (1 Peter 2:1-3)

A. The Basis for the Admonition (1 Peter 2:1a)

- Peter refers to the call to God's standard of holiness.

B. The Call to Break with Sin (1 Peter 2:1b)

- Because we are called to be holy, we must rid ourselves of sinful attitudes and speech.

C. Desire God's Word (1 Peter 2:2)

- We are to desire God's word so that we can grow.

D. The Source of the Desire (1 Peter 2:3)

- The desire for God's word comes with having experienced salvation.

II. Abiding in Christ (1 Peter 2:4-6)

A. Go to Christ (1 Peter 2:4)

- Even though we are rejected by men, we go to Christ who views us as precious.

B. The Believer's Identity in Christ (1 Peter 2:5)

1. A Spiritual House

- Peter tells us that we are stones being built into the church.

2. Holy Priesthood

- Peter tells us that we are now priests who serve in the church.

C. The Basis (1 Peter 2:6)

- The basis for our part in the church is Christ who is our salvation.

Scripture Isaiah 28:16

therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'

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III. The Unbeliever's Rejection (1 Peter 2:7-8)

A. The Believer's View of Christ (1 Peter 2:7a)

- A believer views Christ is precious and highly esteemed.

B. The Unbeliever's Rejection (1 Peter 2:7b-8a)

- The unbeliever rejects and does not accept Jesus.

Scripture Psalm 118:22

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Scripture Isaiah 8:14

And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

C. The Believer's Response (1 Peter 2:8b)

- Because of sin, all disobedient unbelievers are destined to eternal condemnation.

IV. Blessings as the People of God (1 Peter 2:9-10)

A. Their Identity (1 Peter 2:9a)

- Christians have become a special people of God by an act of His will.

B. Their Purpose (1 Peter 2:9b)

- We are to proclaim the glory of the God who called us out of darkness.

C. Their Present Reality (1 Peter 2:10)

- Peter makes the point that we, who had no hope, are now a people of hope.