

# *1 Peter 1:22-2:12*

## *Week Two*

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## **Day 1- 1 Peter 1:22-2:12**

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:12 in your bible.

Read the passage again in a different version.

- Underline/highlight key words, phrases and verses that stand out to you.

## **Day 2- 1 Peter 1:22-2:3**

1. According to verses 1:22-23, what is another mark of a person who has believed and obeyed the Gospel and been born again?

Going Deeper: Read Romans 5:5. Where does this love for others come from?

2. What words does Peter use to describe the Word of God in verses 23 and 25b?

3. In order to love others genuinely, what should we do away with in our lives according to 2:1?

4. How does Peter describe the word of God in verse 2:2? What action is linked to the word of God in 2:2?



Would you say you long for the Word of God the way a baby longs for milk? Or do you at least *desire* to long for the Word? Verse 3 implies that if we don't long for the Word maybe we haven't tasted the goodness of the Lord. We develop a taste for the good things of God by spending time savoring them. They are not words to be gobbled down like fast food on the run. Go back to 1 Peter 1:3-21 and ask God to help you savor his goodness to you revealed in those verses.

### Day 3: 1 Peter 2:4-8

5. What imagery does Peter use for Jesus and also for believers in verses 4 and 5?

6. To the people of that day, where was the spiritual house where God had dwelt? (See Psalm 68:29) What do you think it would have meant to the exiled believers that they were considered God's spiritual house?

For Discussion: In what ways will believing we are God's spiritual house impact our lives?

7. What is our duty as a holy priesthood according to verse 5?

Going Deeper: How do the following passages describe a spiritual sacrifice or offering?

Psalm 50:14 -

Psalm 141:2-

Romans 12:1-

Romans 15:16-

Philippians 2:17-

Philippians 4:18-

Hebrews 13:15-

8. Why does God accept our sacrifices according to Peter in verse 5?

## Day 4- 1 Peter 2:9-10

Scholar's Corner: The great new truth Peter states here is the revelation that "through Jesus Christ," i.e., through his work on the cross, every Christian is part of a new priestly order. It means that every Christian has immediate access to God, that he serves God personally, that he ministers to others, and that he has something to give.- Expositor's Commentary

9. According to Peter in verse 9 what identity and blessing are ours as Believers? Write out everything that these titles tell us about God or ourselves as believers or both.

a. \_\_\_\_\_:

b. \_\_\_\_\_:

c. \_\_\_\_\_:

d. \_\_\_\_\_:

10. What is the purpose of these blessings God has given us? (V.9)

Picture and Ponder: "...we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation."- C.S. Lewis

11. Explain what our plight was before God rescued us and how he changed our situation, as stated in verses 9b and 10.



Most people long for identity and purpose in life. Even as believers we lose sight of the truths found here in verses 9 and 10, that we have an identity and a purpose as God's people. Reflect for a minute on what your identity and purpose in life has been. Does it line up with the truth presented here in 1 Peter? Write out in your own words what your identity in Christ is and what your purpose in life should be.

## Day 5- 1 Peter 2:11-12

12. Turn ahead again to 1 Peter 5:12. What command does Peter give in this verse?

- *From here until the end of chapter 4 Peter tells us what it looks like for believers to stand firm in the grace of God even while enduring trials and suffering.*

13. What three words does Peter use in verse 11 to characterize and summarize who the believers are in Christ and why they should live for Him? Why should these names motivate us?

For Discussion: Fleshly lusts are not limited to sexual behavior, but have to do with the flesh in its entirety- worldly desires. What are some of the worldly desires that pose a threat to our souls?

14. What is the other motivation for abstaining from passions of the flesh found in verse 11?

Picture and Ponder: Satan has declared war on our souls, and we are engaged every day in a spiritual battle to maintain our integrity and our obedience to Christ.” - R.C. Sproul

“Don’t succumb to the contemporary idea that what you think with your mind or say with your mouth or do with your body can be thought or said or done without doing damage to your own soul!” –David R. Helm

15. The honorable conduct that Peter exhorts us to in the first part of verse 12 is defined as what, in the last part of the verse?

Going Deeper: Look up Titus 2:14, and 3:8. What should our approach be toward good deeds?

16. Why should we do good deeds according to verse 12?



Think of a time in your life when you have been utterly grateful to someone. Or maybe a time when you have felt completely loved and accepted by someone. Those thoughts move us to love, to serve and to sing the praises of the person who inspired them. If your life is not characterized by loving others, proclaiming the excellencies of God and doing good deeds, don't just try harder, relying on your own gumption, but be strengthened by spending more time reflecting (as you go to sleep at night, as you drive, as you make dinner, or sit at soccer practice) on God's amazing goodness to you as expressed by Peter in chapter 1. This is the motivation that compels us to live lives worthy of our calling.

One Thing: Look back over this week's study. Pick one thing that God impressed on you, or convicted you about or something new that you learned and write it here. How will knowing this impact the way you think and act? Consider sharing with your group.