

Section 7 - 1 Peter 2:1-8

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.
But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

- (v 1) What does rid mean? Why might Peter insist that believers “rid” themselves of these five specific sins? (Look at the previous section we studied.) Which of these five sins do you struggle with the most? How do you purge your life of these sins?
 - (v 2) What is a craving? How can you determine what you crave? What does Peter admonish believers to crave? How can you increase your craving for the word of God? How do you grow up in your salvation?
 - (v 3) Does the Lord taste good to you?
 - (v 4) Who is the living stone? When was Jesus rejected? Who was he rejected by?
 - (v 5) What are the spiritual sacrifices we offer to God? What is the purpose of the spiritual sacrifice?
 - What is something from our passage you are challenged to ponder further this week?
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