

Peter's First Epistle

***I-PETER***

**CHAPTER 2:1-10**

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**TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

***"BEING BORN AGAIN"***

**THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD**

**THEME OF THE BOOK:**

*1 Peter 5:12*

*I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.*

**INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 2:(25) 1-10**

I was Born Once at Sharps memorial Hospital in San Diego California....

It was there that I got into Nursing - I learned to Nurse there even before I got to go home... I had to pass my first exam and it was "Nursing 1A & 1B"

**IT WAS MY THING**

I was Born Once at Sharps memorial Hospital in San Diego California.

**But I was Born Again at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, California**

It was there that I got into Nursing - I learned to Nurse there even before I got to go home... I had to pass my first exam, and it was "Nursing 1A & 1B"

**\*\*\*\*\* grace \*\*\*\*\***

**Peter was a Christian who** knew what it was like to need the Nursing Comfort that Grace Gives

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## We've got to understand that Peter at his Peter'est"

was a man that was tolerated, loved and converted  
because of the Grace of God

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### Some of His Peter'est' Moments are "Are All Time Classics for Us"

Jesus Commanded Peter (It was an official command)  
**"Push the boat out into the deep water"**

The Peter'est' Response  
**"I've been fishing all night and haven't caught a thing"**

**"I'VE GOT BAIT PETER; YOU KNOW NOT OF..."**

Atop the Mount of Transfiguration while God is Showing off  
Jesus to

**Matthew 17:3-5**

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared (from heaven) to them, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup>  
Then Peter answered (Nobody asked him OK.... BUT PETER AT HIS PETER-EST said  
to "Lord!!!!) it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tents: one for  
You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (I can see Moses and Eligah right now ask....  
who is this guy [Jesus would have said "This is PETER at his PETER-EST] and you're  
going to give him the keys to the kingdom?) <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, behold, a  
bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud,  
saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

And then Peter at his Peter-est  
tried to do what we often try to do... That's defend God

**John 18:10**

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant,  
and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. (Peter missed!)

So Peter at his "Peter-est"  
Is Qualified to tell us about the Grace of God

## 1.) Grace is, Growing in the Word

vv. 25-3

### 1a) The Source of Our Strength will Never Dry Up

#### Verse 25

*...the word of the Lord endures (lasts) forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.*

### 1b) The Source Gives Power to Overcome the Evil

#### Verse 1

*Therefore, **laying aside** #1 all malice, #2 all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and #3 all evil speaking,*

In an Effort to Protect the Teaching of Chapter 1 (We are to Walk in Grace and in Love to One Another)

## Peter Says that there are three killers

that can infect a Christian (*and they can be fatal*)

\* **laying it aside** GRK 659 apotithemi (ap-ot-eeth'-ay-mee)  
to put away. To cast off or to shove off from the shore

#1 **"All Malice"** means: *fighting for that which is meaningless. Things that are empty or things that have no purpose. Having no profitable end. Vanity!*

There are some things to Die for, to defend at all costs.  
There are some things to Live for, to Enjoy and Pass On

But there are other things that we are to let go of,  
to stop hanging on to - your pet thing or insistence on being right

#2 **“All Guile, Hypocrisy and Envy”** means: *Living a life of concealment. Being a different person than who you really are. In a pattern of lying.*

Guile is broken down into two Categories

**Hypocrisies(s)**

*not let others know who you are. Assuming an alias to live under.*

**Envies(s)**

*being upset over the blessings of others, Being selfish, longing for it*

**GUILE WILL KILL A CHRISTIAN AND A CHURCH**

IT straggles LOVE

**A LOVING CHURCH WILL BE A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN TELL  
PEOPLE,**

**“HEY, I NEED SOME PRAYER” - “HEY I’VE JUST BEEN BLESSED”**

**IT’S WHAT JESUS MEANT**

**Matthew 5:30**

"And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and **cast it from you**; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

This will Retard Your Walk & Growth as a Christian

***“laying aside “***

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**“DEADLY FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED”**

#3 “**All Evil Speaking**” means: *slandering and tearing down with words. To mutilate someone. There are Christians who pull out their tongue and just cut away forever forming in the minds of others a picture. (They are torn down because of the others smallness)*

It often happens when the person that is being slandered is not around to respond to the attack

**#1 “All Malice” #2 “All Guile, Hypocrisy, and Envy”  
#3 “All Evil Speaking”**

**Ephesians 5:19**

speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

**Colossians 4:6**

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

((A Vow of Silence is in Order for Some))

**Ephesians 4:29**

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, only what is good for necessary edification, that it may **impart grace** to the hearers.

**WHEN YOU GET DONE TALKING  
people should feel refreshed**

**IMPARTING GRACE**

(Giving them what they are not worthy to Hear)

**Like Lovers, Like the Song of Solomon, Like Jesus to Us**

**IT’S WHAT JESUS SAYS TO ME**

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sweeping the house free of leaven is in mind

## Things would be found that Offended the Lord

### 1 Corinthians 5:7

Therefore **purge out** the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

These Things are so often still a part of us  
and must be fought

### Colossians 3:5 NIV

**Put to death**, (be doing it even now), whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires greed,

### Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who lives**, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

### Ephesians 4:21-22

Since indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you **put off**, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

The New Birth Rejects These Things

((back to verse 14))

TRUE CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

...Why do some Christians Grow  
faster Than Others?

1c) The Source Both Feeds and Fuels the Hunger

### Verse 2

*As (be like) newborn babes, **desire the pure milk** of the word,  
.....that you may grow thereby,*

## Young or Old, *be Like a Babe who Grows*

### Deuteronomy 4:29

“...you will **seek** the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

### Jeremiah 29:13

And you will **seek** Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

### Matthew 5:6

Blessed (well off) are those who **hunger and thirst** for righteousness, (in a present, continuous tense) for they shall be filled.

- \* Desire GRK 1971 epipothéo (ep-ee-poth-eh'-o)  
to yearn. To intensely crave with a lust.
  
- \* Pure milk GRK pure milk  
clean healthy pure milk (mothers milk)

## A Driving Passion for MILK (WORD)

### BABY'S THAT ARE ALIVE, LIVE TO NURSE

I Remember Rebekah being Placed in my Arms and she instinctively turned her head to nurse me....

### She Lived to Nurse,

She was Definitely Alive, She was growing...

## And She Received Grace from us...

Grace at 11:00 PM, Grace at 1:30AM, Grace at 3:00AM Grace at 6:00AM  
Grace all day long... All night Long GRACE!!!

Consider How Much Grace it Takes  
for you to Live One Day as a Christian

## The HALLMARK of a Healthy Baby - Hunger!!!

### A PRACTICAL CONTRADICTION

#### John 4:14

"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

## THE SOURCE FEEDS & FUELS THE HUNGER

The More You Get of God, The More You Want of God

that's why the Lukewarm believer labels the On-Fire believer a fanatical  
and that is why the On-Fire believer labels the Lukewarm as dead

*One is Getting More and is Turned on The More*

#### Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

#### Matthew 4:4

Jesus said, "It is written, `Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**"

### Verse 2b

*.....that you may grow thereby,*  
is not about our initial salvation... but onward growth

### Verse 3

*if (Since) indeed you have **tasted** that the Lord is **gracious**.*

#### Psalm 34:8

Oh, **taste** and see that the LORD is good; blessed  
is the man who trusts in Him!

## Have You Truly Tasted of Him ?

HAS HE EVER MET THE CRY OF YOUR SOUL?

HAS HE EVER MET YOU IN A MOMENT OF WORSHIP?

## Are You “Tasting” of Him.... NOW ?

A Warning Here:

*Are you a Christian? Peter wants you to stop and look back and think...  
if (Since) indeed you have **tasted** that the Lord is ~~gracious~~.*

*Vicious, Terrible, Mean...*

*“What are the things that God has done for you  
since you became his child?”  
(The Theme of Psalm 136)*

Why Should We do this?

*Because dark days will come to every true child of God -  
days filled with doubt, fear, confusion, & anxiety*

2.) Grace is, Sending Out the Word

vv. 4-6

Verse 4

*Coming to Him **as** to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but **chosen**  
by God and **precious**,*

**“Selected and Honored”**

The Fact that it is Jesus who is Tantamount in  
Human...

With All Respect, I ask You This Question

- Why are you an Atheist? • Why are you an Agnostic?
  - Why are you an Muslim? • Why are you an Buddhist?
- A Jehovah Witness or a Mormon? - Why ?

### Romans 14:11

For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall **confess** to God." So then each person must give an account of himself to God.

## The Confession of Eternity

### Philippians 2:-9-10

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Acts 4:11-12

"This is the `stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

### Verse 5

*you also (US), as living stones, are being built up a (spiritual **house**), a (holy **priesthood**), to offer up (spiritual **sacrifices**) acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

### Verse 6

*Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and **he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.**"*

## 3.) Grace is, Nothing Cheap

vv. 7-8

There is an acronym that helps us to remember the benefits of God's grace

### God Riches At Christ Expense

### Verse 7

*:7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,"*

For the Believer:

The Cornerstone is firm and forever

### Verse 8a

*and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, **to which they also were appointed.***

### Verse 8b

"There are Conspiracy Freaks Everywhere"

### Humpy Dumpty was Pushed

It was a set up - Humpy was Pushed...

**THE TRUTH IS,**

Humpy Dumpty got up and sat on the wall  
all by his Dumpty-est self...

**THE TRUTH IS,**

Humpy Dumpty fell because He was trying to live in  
two worlds at the same time... and he fell

Humpy at his Dumpty-'est' fell

#### Galatians 5:3-6

And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is now a debtor to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by keeping the law; you have **fallen from grace**. (Or in the case of Humpy Dumpty "Off the wall") <sup>5</sup> For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

#### Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

For the Unbeliever:

The Cornerstone is Obstacle

## Like a Hang-Nail

**Matthew 21:44**

"And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

**Verse 9a**

*But you are a (**chosen** generation), a (**royal** priesthood), a (**holy** nation), His own (**special** people), that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

**Our Ministry to All in the World...  
Tell Them about Me!**

**Verse 9b**

*that you may **proclaim the praises of Him** who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

**Mark 7:31-35**

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. <sup>32</sup> Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

**Verse 10**

*who once were not a people **but are now the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy **but now have obtained mercy**.*