

## Standing in the True Grace of God

## Peter's Life, Letters and Lord

## 1 Peter 2:1-10

**Read 1 Peter 2:1-10.**

1. In 1 Peter 1:22, Peter exhorts believers to “love one another deeply, from the heart.”
  - a. What must believers rid themselves of in order to do this? Write a short definition of each vice.
  - b. What effect(s) do these sinful attitudes and actions have on relationships?
2. After Peter tells his readers what they need to get rid of (v. 1), what positive things does he exhort them to do? (v. 2)
3. Peter likens God's Word to mother's milk. How is the relationship between a newborn baby and its mother's milk a good description of the believer's relationship to God's Word?
4. How have you tasted that the Lord is good? (Hint: skim back over Chapter 1.) How has this affected your life?

**Read 1 Peter 2:4-10.**

5. Peter uses the analogy of a building to describe Jesus and the people of God.
  - a. What does each of the following represent in his word picture?
    - the living Stone
    - living stones
    - spiritual house
    - cornerstone
  - b. How do these four images help you understand how God is at work in the church?

6. As a “holy priesthood,” what kind of “spiritual sacrifices” (v. 5) are we to offer? (v. 9; Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15-16)
  
7. In contrast to Jesus’ rejection by humanity, what does God say about him? (📖\*Acts 3:13-15)
  
8. In verses 4-8 Peter makes the distinction between those who believe and those who do not believe in Jesus. Describe the differences between these two groups.
  
9. What phrases does Peter use to describe the community of people who have chosen to believe in Jesus? (v. 9a)

To whom was this language originally applied? (Isa. 41:8-9; Ex. 19:3-6)

What is the significance of this language written to an audience that included many Gentiles? (v. 10, Eph. 2:11-22)

Select one of these phrases and describe how it challenges the way you see yourself.

10. When a person puts their trust in Jesus, everything changes – their status, priorities, values, etc.
  - a. What three differences does Peter highlight in verses 9b-10?

Before	After

- b. How have you experienced these differences personally?

11. In her commentary on 1 Peter, Karen Jobes says “The Christian life cannot be lived authentically in isolation.”<sup>1</sup> How does this passage show the importance of community?

\*The 📖 symbol indicates verses for further study.

<sup>1</sup>Karen H. Jobes, *1 Peter*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005), 123.