

OVERVIEW OF 1 PETER 2

1 Peter 2:1-12

1. Recognition of the danger of sin

2. Renouncing sin 1 Peter 2:1

- a) All malice
- b) All deceit
- c) Hypocrisy
- d) Envy
- e) All evil speaking

3. Seek Growth

- a) As newborn babes
- b) Desire the pure milk of the word of God 1 Peter 2:2
- c) If there is true experience of the grace of God 1 Peter 2:3

4. Coming to the Lord 1 Peter 2:4

- a) As to a living stone
- b) Chosen by God
- c) Precious

5. As living stones 1 Peter 2:4-5

- a) Built up a spiritual house
- b) A holy priesthood

c) To offer up spiritual sacrifices

i) Acceptable to God

ii) Through the Lord Jesus Christ 1 Peter 2:5

6. Prophecy concerning the Lord Jesus as the chief cornerstone

1 Peter 2:6

a) It is God Himself who lays the chief cornerstone

b) Prophetic description

i) Chief cornerstone

ii) Elect

iii) Precious

iv) All who believe would not be put to shame

c) Prophecy concerning rejection by some

1 Peter 2:7-8

i) The disobedient

ii) The builders (leaders) who reject

iii) The Lord would be a stone of stumbling

iv) He would be a rock of offence

v) They would stumble

d) To those who believe

1 Peter 2:7

i) The Lord is precious

ii) Faith is certain

iii) Love is real and growing

7. Called and Chosen

a) A chosen generation

1 Peter 2:9

b) A royal priesthood

- c) A holy nation
- d) His own special people
- e) Purpose:
 - i) To proclaim the praise of God
 - ii) To praise God for calling us out of darkness into the Light
- f) Deep gratitude
 - i) Once not a people but now a people of God
 - ii) Once had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy

1. Submission to authorities 1 Peter 2:13-14

- a) These authorities are the ones who persecute believers!
- b) Peter called for a correct Biblical Response
 - i) To practise submission for the Lord's sake
 - ii) To kings and governors
 - iii) They are sent by God

2. This is the will of God 1 Peter 2:15-17

- a) Do that which is good
- b) Silence the ignorance of foolish people
- c) Using our liberty wisely
- d) Practise being bondservants of God
- e) Honour all people
- f) Love the brotherhood
- g) Fear God
- h) Honour the king

3. The problem of Slavery in the 1st century

- a) Many were "servants"
- b) They were conquered by Rome and became slaves
- c) Some slaves had come to believe in the Lord Jesus

4. Apostolic admonition concerning their station in life and their duties 1 Peter 2:18-20

- a) Submission to their masters
- b) With genuine fear

- c) There were masters who were good
- d) There were masters who were harsh

5. Suffering with a good conscience 1 Peter 2:19-20

- a) This is commendable
- b) Enduring grief
- c) Suffering wrongfully
- d) No significance if we suffer for our wrongdoing
- e) When we bear with suffering when we do what is good and right
This is commendable to God

6. Called to follow the footsteps of the Lord Jesus 1 Peter 2:21-25

- a) Remembering how the Lord Jesus suffered for us
- b) His example was meant to be followed
- c) We are to walk in His footsteps
 - i) He committed no sin
 - ii) No deceit was found in His mouth
 - iii) He did not revile in return
 - iv) He did not threaten
 - v) He committed Himself to God who judges righteously
 - vi) He bore our sins in His own body on the tree (reference to the Cross)
 - vii) By His stripes (suffering) we were healed

7. Remembering our salvation

- a) We were once sheep that had gone astray
- b) We have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls

THE PRACTICE OF HOLINESS

1. As a holy priesthood 1 Peter 2:5
2. As a holy nation 1 Peter 2:9
3. As His own special people 1 Peter 2:9
4. Walking in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus 1 Peter 2:21