

I Peter 2:1-3

Therefore: I Peter 1:22-25

- Obedience to the Truth
- Purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren
- Fervently love one another from the heart
- Born again through the living Word of God
- The Word of the Lord endures forever

Something that requires our action

- “Put aside”
- “Clean out” I Cor. 5:7-8
- “Putting aside” James 1:21
- “Put them all aside” Colossians 3:8

What are we to put aside?

- Malice: Spitefulness, wickedness, a feeling of hostility and strong dislike, with a possible implication of desiring to do harm—'hateful feeling.'
- Deceit: to deceive by using trickery and falsehood
- Hypocrisy: to give an impression of having certain purposes or motivations, while in reality having quite different ones—'to pretend, to act. The fruit of pride. Doing good deeds for the glory of man and not for the glory of God.'

What are we to put aside continued

- Envy: a state of ill will toward someone because of some real or presumed advantage experienced by such a person. It creates sorrow that others have what we do not.
- Slander: to speak against, often involving speaking evil of

Long for the pure milk of the WORD

- Long: greatly desire
- Pure: unmixed (the word of God not mixed with the words of man)
- Milk of the Word: Unlike I Cor. 3:1-3 and Hebrews 5:11-14 where milk is related to spiritual immaturity, milk is used here to represent the nourishment that the Word of God supplies to the Christian

Truths about the milk of the Word

- In this verse milk is the substance of life
- Needed for the Christian to progress in their spiritual life
- Word: both the written word and the living Word Jesus are referred to here

Grow in respect to salvation

- Spiritual growth is not something mystical that just happens
- Spiritual growth requires us putting aside things, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and pursuing a greater knowledge of God through the Bible
- John 14:21

Tasted God's kindness

- God's kindness toward us should lead us to:
- Seek Him each day
- The desire to grow more like God each day
- To reflect His kindness to others

What are you going to do?