

READ 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
2. What was a “rite of passage” or mark of maturity when you were growing up?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:15-21. Can you find the gospel message within these verses? In other words, find the phrases within the verses that show God’s loving plan of redemption.
4. Peter explains in verse 22 that we can love only after obeying God’s word. Looking at 1:15-21, which “word” is he talking about? What does this obedience look like?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:22. Peter writes, now that “...you have sincere love (philadelphia, or familial love) for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart (agape, or love of choice and devotion).” It’s easy to love the people we like. Talk about someone in your life that is difficult to love. What are some of YOUR traits that make it difficult for people to love you?
6. Read vs. 23-25. Peter talks about being born again. He then quotes Isaiah comparing the brevity of life with the enduring word of God. What are some things people rely on instead of the enduring gospel message?
7. Look at the list of sins in 1 Peter 2:1. What do they all have in common? What can you infer was a central problem for the hearers of this letter?
8. Read 1 Peter 2:2-3. Peter uses another metaphor of Christians as babies being fed pure spiritual milk (the word of God, or the gospel). How do we practically grow up in our salvation? How do we become mature?



“We can never live by our own words and deeds, but only by that one Word and deed that really binds us together, the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ... Christian community is not an ideal we have to realize but rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. The more clearly we learn to recognize that the ground and strength and promise of all our community is in Jesus Christ alone, the more calmly we will learn to think about our community and pray and hope for it.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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