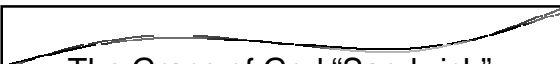


1 Peter 1:22-2:10

Learning to Live as the People of God

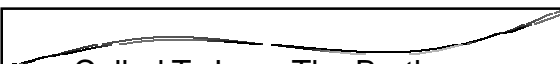
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The Grace of God "Sandwich"

1 Peter 1:1-13 God's Gracious Salvation
1 Peter 1:13-2:3 Imperatives – "Act This Way"
1 Peter 2:4-10 God's Gracious Salvation

This Week:
1:22-25 Action: Love fellow believers
2:1-3 Action: Long for the pure milk
2:4-10 Grace: We are a "holy priesthood"



Called To Love The Brethren

1 Peter 1:22-23 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of God Never Fades

1 Peter 1:24-25 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

We Must Long For The Word

1 Peter 2:1-3 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Believers: Built To Be A Holy Priesthood

1 Peter 2:4-6 And coming to **Him** as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For *this* is contained in Scripture:

"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.

The Reprobate Stumble On The Rock

1 Peter 2:7-8 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*," and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed.

Excursus: The Doctrine of Reprobation

Romans 9:22-23 What if God, desiring to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **and in order that** He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory.

	<u>Chosen</u>	<u>Cause of belief/unbelief</u>
Elect =	By God	God
Reprobate =	By God	the sinner

Believers: God's Chosen People

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

Application

1. We as believers must learn to sincerely and fervently love fellow believers by looking out for their best interests.
2. We must remember that we were called out of the world to "proclaim Christ's excellencies" to the world.

1. Love By Looking Out For Other's Interests

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart...

Sincere = "without hypocrisy"

Fervently = "without ceasing"

Heart = "from the core of our mental faculty"

1. Love By Looking Out For Other's Interests

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

1. Looking Out For Our Brother's Best

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

2. Called To Proclaim His Excellencies

How do we proclaim His Excellencies?

1. Through worship
2. Through preaching the gospel
3. Through living in faith and obedience

2. Worship and Preaching Glorify God

Psalms 9:11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

Psalms 68:4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name, lift up song to him who rides through the deserts; His name is Yahweh; exult before Him!

Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

2. Faithful Obedience Glorifies God

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men, that they see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Romans 4:20-21 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

2. Faithful Obedience Glorifies God

1 Peter 2:11-12 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.
