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**1 Peter – “A Living Hope”**

**Session 6**

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**“Time to grow”**

If you have been saved by the grace of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ, then God intends that you **“grow thereby.”** Peter has shown in previous passages of this Letter that growth is expected; holiness and obedience (1:14-15), and love (1:22). Now Peter tells us how that growth is going to happen in our lives. We must **“lay aside”** the things of the flesh, and **“desire the pure milk”** of the Word of God. It is through the Spirit's work in us by the Word that we will truly grow to maturity. Is this growth happening in your life? Do you desire to walk holy; in obedience to God? Is the fruit of love becoming more evident in your life? If there is a lack of this, you need look no further than the time and honor given to the Word of God in your life. Don't let that continue! As you study this passage, I pray you hear Peter's exhortation in it; time to grow!

**Passage:** 1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV)

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1**

If we have received the grace of God and been saved through the preaching of the gospel (1:24), what things are we expected to **“lay aside”**?

**Scripture: Hebrews 12:1**

What happens when we don't **“lay aside”** the things of the flesh, according to the writer of Hebrews?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2**

Just like “**newborn babes**” desire their mother’s milk, Peter exhorts us to do the same. What is the “**milk**” we are to desire? What can we expect if we ‘drink it up’?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:3**

What is the prerequisite this verse gives if being in the word is going to bring any growth (hint: notice the use of the words “**newborn babes**” in the passage)?

**Personal Application:**

**Read and meditate on Psalm 119:9-16.**

Find all the things it teaches about what your attitude toward the Word should and shouldn’t be, and what the benefits of “**desiring the pure milk of the word**” will bring. How will this, and our passage in 1 Peter, change your approach to your time of devotion with Jesus in His Word so that you might “**grow thereby**”? Talk to God about the things you personally need to grow in, and the things you need to “**lay aside**”.

**Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby...”

1 Peter 2:2