



Five Key Words for Every Believer

Growth

Key Word #1 - 1 Peter 2:1-3

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Review

"The Means of Our Salvation"

1. The Old Book told us how to have a New Birth.
2. One must experience a life-changing, spiritual birth to be saved.
3. One must learn from Holy Scriptures God's plan of salvation.
- 4 Our Response? Be holy, fear God, and love one another.
5. The imperishable Word of God vs. the fading glory of the world.

STUDY SECTION

Key Word #1 - GROWTH

1. We must depend on _____.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:23, NASB95 -²³ *for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.* [This verse is the beginning of the final paragraph that leads us to Chapter 2 which begins "Therefore...."]

1 Peter 1:23, The Message -²³ *Your new life is not like your old life. Your old birth came from mortal [seed]; your new birth comes from God's living Word. Just think: a life conceived by God himself!*

2. We must deal with _____.

1 Peter 2:1, NLT -¹ *So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech.*

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 2:1, NASB95 -¹ *Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander....* [See word studies below]

"Five Growth Stoppers"

Malice. The Greek word *kakia* is a general word for evil. In this passage, it characterizes those entrenched in the worldly ways and the systems.

Deceit. The Greek word *dolos* means "cunning" or "treachery." It involves more than just lying to a person's face. It includes acting in disingenuous or two-faced ways.

Hypocrisy. The underlying word, *hypokrisis*, refers to one who acts a part, "being one thing inside and another thing outside."

Envy. C. Swindoll calls "Envy" one of our "favorite indoor sports." It is a spite and/or resentment toward someone else's success.

Slander. Literally the word means "evil speech." It is especially prevalent when a rumor is passed around. This disparaging gossip destroys our confidence in an individual and can weaken that person's reputation. When criticism is leveled at someone other than the one being criticized, it's simple gossip.

3. We must desire the _____.

1 Peter 2:2, NLT -² *Like newborn babies, you must crave [in the imperative; "to desire strongly and persistently"] pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,*

4. Delight in the _____.

1 Peter 2:3, NLT -³ *now that you have had a taste [lit., experienced by way of taste and/or experience] of the Lord's kindness [Lit., "that the Lord is good" ie., benevolent].*

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

got milk?

1. We must lay aside every sin in our lives in order to grow in Christ.
2. We must earnestly crave God—and His Word—in order to grow in Christ.



Just as a baby has an appetite for the mother's milk, so the child of God has an appetite for the Father's Word.

ANSWERS TO THE MESSAGE

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1. Christ

2. Sin

3. Word

4. Lord