



## **More of THIS, Less of THAT!**

(How Faith Purges, Craves and Grows)

### **1 Peter 2:1-3**

*“The sins that Peter names are not ‘gross vices of paganism,’ but are ‘community destroying vices.’ They are the same vices that are often practiced and tolerated within the church: malice, deceit, hypocrisy or insincerity.”*

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*“The exhortation to crave milk is closely related to the moral transformation demanded by the call to ‘put off,’ which is a verb that was in reference to the removal of clothing. Numerous usages of the same verb in the NT show that this word was used idiomatically to refer to the ‘shedding of behavior’ that was inconsistent with the Christian life.”*

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*THEREFORE, having a NEW IDENTITY, have a NEW APPETITE, that you may GROW UP in your Salvation, IF indeed you have Tasted of the Lord’s Goodness!*

**I. “THEREFORE.....”** In light of your “New Birth” (1:3) and its accompanying “sincere brotherly love” (1:22-23)

**II. Having a NEW IDENTITY** as those who have RID, Purged, Put Off old, carnal, worldly behavior

*“Rid” yourselves of all vices destructive to community: vs.1 (Ephesians 4:22-32)*

- A. **Malice** Evil or wickedness in the broadest possible sense, it is ill-will towards others
- B. **Deceit** A wide-ranging vice that includes all dishonesty, whether in words or deeds
- C. **Hypocrisy** An insincerity and inconsistency of belief and practice in one’s inner and outer life
- D. **Envy** The gnawing sorrow we feel when someone else has something that we think we deserve
- E. **Slander** Untruthful information usually said behind someone’s back to distort perception of them

**III. Have a NEW APPETITE vs. 2a**

- A. Like Newborn Babes: “Crave!” An Imperative: “Hunger, Long, Thirst, and Pang for!”
- B. “Milk” (of the Word?)
  - 1. “Pure”
  - 2. “Spiritual”

**IV. In Order to GROW UP in Salvation vs. 2b** Maturity comes through proper nourishment

- A. The Expectation of Maturity (Hebrews 5:11-14)
- B. The Nourishment Required for Maturity

**V. IF..... (vs. 3)** You have indeed actually “tasted” the Lord’s Goodness! Psalm 34:8

*A lot of “newness,” but the same old Covenantal, Conditional “IF” of Holy Scripture....*

- A. The same Covenant (Luke 22:20, Matt. 28:18-20)
- B. The same Conditionality (1 Corinthians 15:2)

**1 Peter 2:1-3**

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 \*now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

(\*ESV more literal: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.)

**Ephesians 4:22-32**

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**Matthew 5:6**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**Hebrews 5:11-14**

11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

**Luke 22:20**

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you...."

**Matthew 28:19-20**

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

**Psalms 34:8**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!