

“DO YOU CRAVE THE PURE MILK OF GOD’S WORD?”

(1 Peter 1:23–2:3)

I. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS/TRIALS NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU. (1 Peter 1:1-12)

II. YOUR GREAT SALVATION AND PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION... (1:13–2:10)

A. In Your Relationship Toward GOD. (1:13-21)

B. In Your Relationship Toward OTHER BELIEVERS. (1:22-25)

1. The priority is to _____ . (1:22)

2. The commonality that you have with other believers is that you have been _____ . (1:23)

a. Some vital truths about being “*born again*...”

(1) The meaning of “*born again*” (anagennao / gennao anothen) – literally means to be _____ denoting a spiritual birth from God. (John 3:3, 7; 1 Peter 1:23)

(2) The *timing* of “*born again*” (perfect tense / 1 Peter 1:23) indicates that a sinner is born again at a _____ which is a non-repeatable event but which has _____ into the present.

(3) The *voice* of “*born again*” (passive voice) indicates that _____ is the _____ of the new birth, while the _____ is the recipient of it.

(4) The *means* of being “*born again*” involves the Holy Spirit using the _____, and in particular the _____ of grace which centers in Jesus Christ and His finished work. (1 Peter 1:24-25)

c. In Your Relationship Toward YOUR OWN WALK AND GROWTH. (2:1-10)

1. You are to be ever mindful of the _____ of your flesh and you are to _____
_____ (practically speaking) and lay them aside. (2:1)

* How is this possible?

* What are some of these sins?

2. It is imperative that you _____ the Word of God. (2:2-3)

* What simile does Peter use to illustrate this?

* What part do you have in this?

* What does “*pure milk*” communicate and imply?

* What barriers need to be addressed for the proper intake of the Word of God?

— personal _____

— worldly _____

— lack of _____

* How does all of this apply to you?