

## 1 Peter 2:1-3

### Banquet: Taste And See That The Lord Is Good

#### Introduction

1. Previously, we were given Four Imperatives: 1. Hope in God, 2. Be Holy since God is Holy, 3. Fear the Lord, 4. Love Others
2. The Fourth Imperative: Fervently Love Others is tied to verse 1 and brings us into today's message: **1:22-25**
3. Do you look for the unexpected? We have the unexpected in our passage today – Did you see it?

#### Main Idea of 1 Peter 2:1-3

**Desire for God's Precious Word cannot flourish in a heart bent toward Sin. And Sin cannot flourish in a heart which longs for God.**

#### Take Off The Filthy Clothes: Repent Of Sinful Desires (v 1)

1. *Put Away* – Take Off the Clothes! (3 Categories of Sin)
  - a. **See Acts 7:58** – Same Word Used
  - b. All Malice
  - c. All Deceit, Hypocrisy, Envy  
(**Mark 15:10, Romans 1:29**)
  - d. All Slander (**1 Peter 2:12, 3:16**)
2. To Fervently Love Others, Specifically Christians within the Church, We Put Away Sin which would Hurt or Harm Them (**1 Peter 1:22-23**)
3. To Have Righteous Desires, Other Desires Must Be Destroyed (**Rom 13:12, Eph 4:22-24, Heb 12:1**)

#### Thirst For God's Word: Desire First, The Kingdom (v 2)

1. The Believer: Simile - *Like Newborn Babes*
  - a. Not New Christians
  - b. Not Immature Christians on their Way to Maturity (**1 Cor 3:1-2**)
  - c. ALL Believers – Both the New Convert and the Seasoned Vet are Children of God, Babes in Christ (**Matthew 18:1-4**)
  - d. Believers are to thirst/yearn for Spiritual Milk

2. The Object of Our Craving: *Pure Spiritual Milk* – What is this?
  - a. The Language is Anaphoric – It Harkens Back to what was Said Before in Verse 23
  - b. **1 Peter 1:23** – The Preaching of the Word of God is the Means by Which You came into Faith – You were Begotten by the Word
  - c. The Parallel Passage: Scripture Interprets Scripture → **James 1:21**
3. The 5<sup>th</sup> Imperative (Command): *Long, Desire, Crave*
  - a. The Unexpected Command: God Commands us to FEEL Something
  - b. God Not Only Commands the Will of Man, but also the Emotions
  - c. We cannot Conjure Right Emotions – I cannot make myself CRAVE God's Word
  - d. How can We Obey this Command?
  - e. The Law of God vs. the Gospel of God
  - f. We Need to Remember Our Conversion
4. The Purpose for Our Longing: To Grow Up, Mature!
  - a. Physically, do we remain a 14 year old, pimply kid? No! We mature!
  - b. Spiritually, this is the Same... We are not to remain the Christian Teenager
  - c. The Word of God is the Means by Which we Live & Grow by Faith
  - d. We Grow by Longing for the Word and then Taking it Up and Studying the Word
  - e. Why does the Preacher take the time to do word studies in the Bible – to assist you in Longing & Growing Up by the Word of Truth

#### Taste God's Goodness: Savor Your Salvation (v 3)

1. What is it to *Taste that the Lord is Good*? **James 1:21**
2. Friend, Have You Tasted that the Lord is Good
  - a. He gave His Son Jesus to Die for Sinners
  - b. He Raised Jesus from the Dead
  - c. Any Who Believe will Inherit Eternal Life
3. Believer, Do you remember when you were Saved?
4. It was the Honeymoon Period of the Christian Life
5. What About Now? You have the Spirit of Christ in You
6. Peter says: Look at your Conversion to Create Longing