

Grow Up... You're a Christian Now!

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. – **1 Peter 2:1-3**

What is this verse “there for”?

Peter is asking God’s people to respond to...

- God’s _____ act for them

Having purified you souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart... - 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)

- God’s _____ power in them

... since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God. - 1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)

How do we accomplish this?

1. _____ the _____ of God’s love in you

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation... – **1 Peter 2:2**

- Crave the desire to be _____ of personal sin through the Holy Spirit more than the desire of _____ others in their sin

- Crave _____ in others more than spreading _____ about them

- Crave the _____ love for Jesus in others more than _____ their reputation among others

- Most grievances within the church have nothing to do with _____ error but with _____ opinions

2. _____ the _____ of God’s love for you

... now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. – **1 Peter 2:3**

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

– **Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)**

God’s love for you...

- has been _____ since before earth’s creation

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us...

- _____ your redemption in Christ

... in Christ to be holy...

- _____ your soul for eternity

... and without fault in his eyes.

- _____ your worth

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family...

- is _____ through his sacrifice for you

... by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

- is his _____, not an obligation

This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

- God can _____ your _____ attitude toward others

- God can _____ your _____ feelings of others

- God can _____ your _____ experiences with others

What’s God’s love got to do with it?

God’s love in and for you...

- _____ you to care for the _____
of others compassionately

- _____ you to respond to the _____
of others accurately

- _____ you to protect the _____
of others boldly

A Study in I Peter

How to remain pure in an impure world