

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

1 Peter 2:1-10

Lesson 5

As believers we are to grow in the relationship we have with Christ. This growth consists of a laying aside of sin and a new desire for the things of God. Growth in God involves coming to Christ, who is a *stone of stumbling* for those who do not believe and the *chief cornerstone* for those who do. Enjoy the difference He has made in your life as you study this lesson. May you be provoked to *proclaim the praises of Him*.

DAY ONE: Read 1 Peter 2:1-10

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?

a. 1 Peter 2:1-10 has been divided into two paragraph divisions. List below the subject(s) covered in this section.

Verses 1-3

Verses 4-10

How would you title each section? Record your titles on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Words** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

From previous lessons: *God, Jesus, and holy*

New to this lesson: *stone(s)/cornerstone* and *word/Scripture*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in 1 Peter 2:1-10. Remember, as you mark the words *God* and *Jesus*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

3. Note the term of conclusion, *therefore*, in verses 1,6 and 7. Choose one conclusion and record what it was based upon.

4. Peter used the contrasting term *but* in verses 4, 7, 9 and two times in 10. Choose one of them and record the contrast that Peter made.

DAY TWO: Read 1 Peter 2:1-3

1. The word *therefore* in 1 Peter 2:1 refers to the changed life spoken of in 1 Peter 1:13-25. What is this change and how is it accomplished? Answer using 1 Peter 1:23.
2. Think about what believers are commanded to do in 1 Peter 2:1. The phrase *laying aside* means *putting off*. There should be a rejection of the old behavior for those who are *born again*. List the specific things from verse 1 that we are to *lay aside*.

Challenge: Define each of these words.

- a. Summarize what Peter is writing in this verse.
 - b. Note the little word *all* in this verse. What does it say to you?
3. 1 Peter 2:2 is one of the most important verses in this letter for the believer. Write it here phrase by phrase.
 - a. Describe the *desire a newborn babe* has for *milk*.
 - 1.) Compare the consequences of the lack of appetite in a *newborn babe* to the lack of *desire* for the Word in a Christian.
 - b. The sins of 1 Peter 2:1 deaden our appetite for the Word. What other things diminish our desire for the Word of God?
 4. The word *milk* in 1 Peter 2:2 refers to the Word of God in general. Why will we never outgrow our need for *milk*?
 5. Read 1 Peter 2:3. The phrase *if indeed* would be better translated *since*. As believers, we have *tasted that the Lord is gracious*. How would you describe the *graciousness* (goodness, kindness, excellence) of the Lord?

DAY THREE: Read 1 Peter 2:4,5

1. In 1 Peter 2:4,5 Peter turns the believers' attention to their privileges. The phrase in verse 4, *coming to Him*, expresses the idea of drawing close to the Lord for salvation with the intention of staying and enjoying intimate fellowship. How does this speak to you?
 - a. The description of Christ as a *living stone* is a metaphor. A metaphor is a figure of speech that uses one kind of object or idea to illustrate another. From verse 4 record what is revealed about Jesus as a *living stone*.
 - 1.) Jesus was *rejected indeed by men*. This was prophesied about Him almost a thousand years before He was born. Pause and think about this as you write Psalm 118:22.
 - 2.) What does *chosen by God and precious* tell you about Jesus?
2. Print the glorious statements about believers in 1 Peter 2:5.
 - a. As *living stones* we are part of a great spiritual structure. According to 1 Corinthians 12:18, Who decides where each *living stone* (member) should be placed?
3. Consider this: Believers have the privilege as a *holy priesthood* of offering up *spiritual sacrifices*. Read the following verses and record the *spiritual sacrifices* that please the Lord.

Romans 12:1

Hebrews 13:15

Hebrews 13:16

 - a. Share a practical example of one of these *sacrifices*.

DAY FOUR: Read 1 Peter 2:6-8

1. In 1 Peter 2:6-8 Peter quoted from the Old Testament. Confirm this by completing the following chart:

Old Testament Verses	1 Peter 2:6-8
Isaiah 28:16	1 Peter 2:6
Isaiah 8:14a	1 Peter 2:8a
Isaiah 8:15	1 Peter 2:8b

- a. Why do you think Peter used these Old Testament Scriptures?
2. What is the promise given to believers in 1 Peter 2:6?
- a. Define the word *shame*.
- b. What does this promise personally mean to you?
3. The word *disobedient* in 1 Peter 2:7,8 means *disbelieving*. Look at these verses once again. What is Christ to the *disbelieving*?
- a. In what ways do those who *disbelieve* find Christ to be *a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense*?
4. What is Christ to those who *believe*? 1 Peter 2:7
- a. Read Isaiah 54:4 and write it in your own words.

DAY FIVE: Read 1 Peter 2:9,10

1. Re-read 1 Peter 2:4,5. Note the three words in these verses that are repeated in 1 Peter 2:9,10.

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- a. In contrast to the description of the *disobedient* in verses 7,8 how are *believers* described in verse 9?

2. In the Old Testament the children of Israel were called God's chosen people. In the New Testament ALL believers are *chosen* by God. How does 1 Peter 2:10 confirm that verse 9 includes Gentiles as well as Jewish believers?
 - a. How does the privilege of being *chosen* by God minister to you?

 - b. Through Christ we have become *a royal priesthood*. What does Revelation 5:10 say about this?

 - c. How should being a citizen of *a holy nation* determine the standards you live by?

 - d. Concentrate on the phrase *His own special people*. This means "a purchased possession" indicating that we belong to God. Read Exodus 19:5,6. Through Christ we have become all that the children of Israel were meant to be to God. What does it mean to you to know that you are a *treasure* to Him?

3. According to 1 Peter 2:9, what did God *call you out of*?
 - a. In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer?

4. Think about the extraordinary things God has done for us as you list them from 1 Peter 2:9,10.

5. In light of the privileges you have discovered, share ways you can *proclaim the praises of Him*.

DAY SIX: Review 1 Peter 2:1-10

1. 1 Peter 2:1 calls us to *lay aside* sins. Notice the reason why we are to do this at the end of verse 2. Why is it important to *lay aside* sin in order to progress as believers?

2. Consider the sins that God called you to *lay aside* when you first became a believer. Are you thankful He called you to *lay them aside*?
 - a. How should this encourage believers when God convicts them of present sin?

3. In what ways is Christ a *living stone*?

4. If someone were to ask you how they could increase their spiritual appetite for the Word, what would you tell them?

5. Using synonyms or phrases, contrast the life of *darkness* with the life of *His marvelous light*.

6. Write one thing you learned through this study about:
Christ

Believers

Disobedient (disbelievers)

*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.*

- Isaiah 9:2 NIV