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IN A FOREIGN LAND

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THE LETTER OF FIRST PETER

# 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

# 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

<sup>24</sup> for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

# 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

2:1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

# Growing Up Into Our Salvation

The people of God are made and matured by the Word of God.

# Growing Up Into Our Salvation

- Vs. 1: There is a putting away
- Vs. 2: There is a longing

## Ephesians 4:20-24

But that is not the way you learned Christ! – <sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> put off your old self, which belong to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

## Ephesians 4:20-24

<sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

## Colossians 3:3-12

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:

## Colossians 3:3-12

sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away:

## Colossians 3:3-12

anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

# Colossians 3:3-12

<sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

# Colossians 3:3-12

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

## Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body; you will live

# Galatians 5:24

And those who belong to Christ Jesus  
have crucified the flesh with its  
passions and desires

# Growing Up Into Our Salvation

- Malice- a desire to hurt someone with your words or your deeds. A desire for vengeance.
- Deceit- a desire to gain an advantage over someone by lying or deceiving.

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- Hypocrisy- a desire to not be really known.
- Envy- an inordinate desire for some privilege or benefit that belongs to another.

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- Slander- the desire for self-enhancement by smearing someone else's image.

# 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

# Growing Up Into Our Salvation

- Realize that the Bible does command longings from the heart.
- In as much as you recognize a lack of longing, confess that. Express sorrow for it and commit to turn from it.

# Growing Up Into Our Salvation

- Admit to God that ultimately you are helpless to do this and pray that He will continue to transform your desires.
- Actively pursue tasting the goodness of God in the Word of God.