

From the Cross to the Crown 2

1 Peter 2

Introduction

A. Peter Refers to Christians as Certain Types of People in 1 Peter

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| 1. Saved | 2. Separate | 3. Submissive, or Spiritual |
| 4. Suffering | 5. Steadfast | |

B. The Theme of Chapter 1 Was Salvation - a Saved People

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| 1. Planned of God | 2. Provided by God | 3. Preserved by Faith |
| 4. Prospects of Salvation Give Occasion of Joy | | 5. Prophecified in the Old Testament |
| 6. Preached by the Apostles | 7. Practical in its Effect | 8. Purchased by the Blood of Christ |
| 9. Predicated upon Obedience | 10. Produced by the Word of the Gospel | |

C. Because Christians Are a Saved People, They Are Separate People

1. God Has Always Required His People to Be a Separate People
 - a. Noah - the Flood Separated Him and His Family from All Other People
 - b. Abraham - Called Away from His Family
 - c. A Separate Nation - God Called His Children out of Egypt - They Were Formed into a Separate Nation at Sinai
 - d. They Were to Maintain this Separation / Holiness

D. Peter Show Christians Are Separate by Birth, Belief, and by Behavior in 1 Peter 2

I. Christians Are Separated by Birth - 1 Peter 1:23

A. How Are Christians Born?

1. **John 3:1-7**
2. **Luke 8:11** - Parable of the Sower

B. Why must Someone Be Born Again - **Romans 6:1-4**

C. It Is Redundant to Speak of Born Again Christians - it Is like Saying I Am Going to Tooth Dentist

II. Christians Are Separated by Belief - 1 Peter 2:6-10

A. What Is Meant by Belief

1. **Romans 9:33**
2. **Romans 10:11**
3. In **John 3:15-16** Belief Carries with it Obedience - **Mark 16:15-16**
4. **James 1:22**

B. Christians Believe in the 1 Church - **Verse 9**

1. The Church Is a Royal Priesthood
2. The Church Is a Holy Nation
3. The Church Is a Peculiar People

C. Christians Believe in the Proper Worship

1. Who Is to Offer Spiritual Sacrifices
 - a. Under Law of Moses Priests(Levites) Were to Offer Sacrifices
 - b. Christians Are the Priests Today
 - c. Some Old Testament Priests Were Searching for Something New to Offer in Worship to God -

- Even to the Point of Bringing Idols into the Worship
- d. Today Some Christians Are Searching for New Innovations - New Version - That Pervert the Gospel - Special Singing - Women Conducting Worship

2. How Are Christians to Be Separate in Worship

- a. By Worshiping in Spirit and in Truth
- b. Faithful in Attendance
- c. Lord's Supper
- d. Singing
- e. Giving Scripturally
- f. Prayer
- g. Preaching the Word - The Gospel

D. Christians Believe in the Doctrine of Christ

1. How One Becomes a Member of the Church
2. Christians Are to Teach Only One Way of Salvation

III. A Christian Is Separated by Behavior - 1 Peter 2:1-2,11,25

A. After Becoming a Christian, Growth Is Required and in this Growth There Are Things a Christian Is Not to Do as Well as Things He Is Required to Do

1. Look at **Verse 1** - Lay Aside

- a. Malice - Wickedness, as an Evil Mind, Wickedness That Is Not Ashamed to Break the Law
- b. Guile - to Catch with Bait, a Lure, a Snare, craft Deceit, Guile
- c. Hypocrisies - the Acting of a Stage Player
- d. Envy - Discontent at the Sight of Another Person's Excellence, Good Fortune, but Together with Active Dislike, and Desire to Have Equal Advantages
- e. Evil Speaking

- 1] Christians Should Not Use Language of Denominations Such as Reverend, or Pastor
- 2] Witnessing

f. Fleshly Lusts - Desire, Craving, Longing, Desire for What Is Forbidden

B. There Are Not Only Negative Things a Christian must Put Away, but Positive Things He must Add - **Verse 11-12**

1. Conversation - Manner of Life, Behavior, Conduct
2. To Desire the Sincere Milk of the Word - **Verse 2**

- a. God's Reason, or Intelligence Expressed in Human Speech
- b. The Word of God Is Spiritual Nourishment as Milk Is Physical Nourishment - the Word of God, When Not Mixed with Human Error, Is Nourishing

3. Christians Are to Be Separate as Strangers / Pilgrims - **Verse 11**

- a. Strangers - a Sojourner, One Who Dwells a Foreign Country, a Temporary Dweller, Not Having a Settled Habitation in the Place Where He Is Now
- b. Pilgrims - One Who Comes from a Foreign Count into a City or Land to Reside There by the Side of the Natives
- c. Therefore a Christian Is One Who Sojourns on Earth While Waiting to Obtain the Home in Heaven

4. Christians Are to Submit to Every Ordinance of Men - **Verses 13-14**

5. Honour - Literally to Fix the Value, Revere - **Verse 17**

6. Love the Brotherhood - **Verse 17**

- a. Love - to Have Reference For, Wish Well, to Regard the Welfare of
- b. Brotherhood - Christians Make up the Brotherhood - They Have Been Made Brothers / Sisters

Through Obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ

7. Christians Are to Fear God - **Verse 17**

a. What Kind of Fear

b. To Be Put to Flight, to Flee, to Fear, to Be Afraid, to Be Struck with Fear, to Be Seized with Alarm

8. Subject to Masters with All Fear - **Verses 18-20**

a. Fear Here Is Reverence, Respect for Authority, Rank, or Dignity

b. Christians Then, Are Separate in That They Will Give an Honest Day's Work for Their Employers

9. Christians Are to Be Separate by Behavior in That They Set the Proper Example - **Verses 21-25**

Conclusion

A. 1 Peter 1 Discusses Christians as Saved People

1. By the Blood of Christ

2. By Their Obedience to the Word of God

B. 1 Peter 2 Presents Christians as Separated People

1. By Birth

2. By Belief

3. By Behavior

C. Invitation