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**How to Live Like an Alien**  
The First Letter of Peter

**No. 9 – Grow in  
God’s Word, pt. 2**

**1 Peter 1:22-25; 2:1-3**

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**WHY?**

**because you have purified your souls...** (v. 22)

**because you have been born again...** (vv. 23-25)

*What does it mean to be ‘born again’?*

**1 Peter 1:3**

*How (or with what) have we been ‘born again’?*

not of perishable seed...

but of imperishable (seed)...

through the living and abiding **word of God...**

for...

**Isaiah 40:6-8**

“flesh”

“is like grass...the flower of grass” = it withers and falls

“the word of the Lord”

“(is *not* like grass...the flower of grass)” = it endures forever

this **word** is the good news that was preached to you...

**Review**

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praise God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Set Our Hope on God (1:13-21)
- Grow in God’s Word (1:22-2:3)

**No. 9 – Grow in God’s Word, pt. 2**

**1 Peter 1:22-25; 2:1-3**

ESV **1 Peter 1:** <sup>22</sup> 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; <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.

**2:1** So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, **long for the pure spiritual milk**, that by it you may grow up to salvation- <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

*Two primary imperatives in 1:22-2:3*

‘**love one another...**’ (1:22)

‘**long for the pure spiritual milk...**’ (2:2)

**Growing in God’s Word...**

**We must love one another fervently from the heart** (vv. 22-25)

‘**love one another...**’ (v. 22)

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**Growing in God’s Word...**

**We must long for the pure spiritual word of God** (2:1-3)

‘**long for**’ the word of God... (2:2)

long for...

like...

milk...

pure...

spiritual...

### HOW?

**by putting away all antisocial attitudes and behaviors (2:1)**

So...

put away...

all...

**malice**

**deceit**

**hypocrisy**

**envy**

**slander**

**by knowing that the word is how we grow up (2:2)**

Long for the...milk...

that by it (the milk)...

you may grow up into salvation...

**by remembering God's goodness to us (2:3)**

Long for the...milk...

if indeed...

you have tasted...

that the Lord is good...

Psalm 34:8

<sup>1</sup> OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOR BEFORE ABIMELECH, SO THAT HE DROVE HIM OUT, AND HE WENT AWAY. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. <sup>8</sup> **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!** <sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! <sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. <sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. <sup>14</sup> Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. <sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. <sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. <sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. <sup>20</sup> He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. <sup>21</sup> Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. <sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.