

## Deeper Walk with God - 1 and 2 Peter

### Fitting into God's Plan

1 Peter 2:1-25

*"The way we see ourselves largely determines the way we act and react in life"*

#### Review

##### Deeper walk with God

All we need is provided in the trinity 1 Peter 1:1-2

Challenge to Deeper Walk 1 Peter 1:3-25

Based on an Amazing Salvation

Built on an Astounding Command!

Bound by Astonishing Results

How do we fit into God's call?

#### I. Know who you really are in Christ 2:1-10

##### A. As new born babes (therefore) 1-3

Background -1 Peter 1:3 - he causes us to be born again

1. Put aside that which destroys brotherly love  
Malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander
2. Hunger for the Word of God - that you may grow

##### B. As living stones 4-8

Background - Matthew 16:18 Christ called Peter a stone

1. Christ is the living stone - Psalm 118:22 - Matthew 21:42
  - a. Rejected by men - precious to God
  - b. The chief cornerstone Isaiah 28:16 to believers  
Determines design and orientation-Holds all
  - c. Stone of stumbling to unbelievers - Isaiah 8:14
2. We are living stones
  - a. To fit into the spiritual house of the Spirit
  - b. To offer up spiritual sacrifices - prayers

##### C. As possessions of God 9-10

Value is often attributed to whom the article belongs

1. Chosen Race - chosen by God Himself acceptable
2. Royal Priesthood - Priest King capable
3. Holy Nation - The Kingdom of God valuable
4. A People for God's own possession - forgiven
5. The purpose - to proclaim the praises of God

#### II. Living our true identity in Christ 2:11-20

##### A. Abstaining from sinful desires 11-12

We live as aliens and strangers here on earth

1. They war against our very souls
2. Instead let good deeds bring praise to God

##### B. Submitting to Authority 13-17

1. It is the will of God Not based on the merit
2. It will silence the ignorant talk of the foolish
3. Do so freely using your freedom in Christ
4. Formula for success in submitting

##### C. Serving men as we would God 18-20

Here a servant is more like an employee than a slave

1. Submitting with respect to employer
2. Not based on their merit but God's calling
3. Endure hardship patiently = favor with God

#### III. Empowered by our relationship with Christ 2:21-25

##### A. He is our example (why we submit) 21

1. He endured much for us- Not for His sins or deceit
2. When reviled He was silent-He did not threaten
3. He entrusted Himself to God's mercy

##### B. He is our Redeemer (how we can) 22-24

1. He bore our sins to the cross
2. That we might die to sin and live for God
3. By His wounds we are healed (spiritually)

##### C. He is our Shepherd and Guardian (never alone) 25

1. He leads us Psalms 23
2. He protects us Psalms 3:3 and 28:7

God has chosen us and made us acceptable

He has called us to a deeper walk with Him

So that

-Our lives will be a praise to Him

-Others will see His grace and power

#### Our Part

1. Accept who you are in Christ

2. Give it all back to Him!