

GOT MILK?



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1 Peter 2:1-3, ESV – 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— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of June 7, 2020

1 Peter 2:1-3

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 What is Peter's big idea when he says that we can get rid of the things that make us sick and unhealthy (malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander) and have a change in our spiritual diet that makes us healthy in God's goodness?
- 2 What does it mean for our former "primaries" to become secondary to our pursuit of Jesus? How have you done this in your own life? Are there areas in your life that are still "primaries" and need to be surrendered to Jesus?
- 3 How does earnestly loving one another relate to the pure spiritual milk that we are to long after?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Colossians 3:5-15, ESV** – ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

- 4 Looking at the passage above, contrast the different characteristics of the “old self” and the “new self”?
- 5 Part of the “new self” is being part of the body of Christ. Describe how the body of Christ, or church, should be a reflection of what is to come in heaven.
- 6 What needs to happen for the church to move towards unity? What needs to change in your life to be a part of that process?
- B** **Romans 12:9-21, ESV** – ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- 7 When reading about the marks of a true Christian, we see an underlying attitude of humility. How can an attitude of humility be beneficial on a day by day basis?
- 8 Focusing on verse 15, what does it entail to be able to rejoice and weep with other people?
- 9 How can pursuit of these characteristics help to remove those things listed in 1 Peter 2:1? Which one of these characteristics do you need to pursue in your life right now? Explain.

TAKING IT HOME

This week, we were challenged to be anti-racist, not just non-racist. How are those two terms different? What changes do you need to make in your life to be anti-racist? Maybe you need to start with Peter's instructions to remove malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and/or slander. Maybe you need to be more sympathetic and say something instead of remaining silent. Share with your group or accountability partner what God is laying on your heart in this area and pray for one another to be people who "prefer Christ" over everything.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Romans 6:1-14
Ephesians 4
Revelation 7:9-10