

I Peter – A Survival Guide for the Believer – Help Sheet #3

1) First Things

- Peter as others see him.



- Our “Survival Kit” so far– what do you have that I don’t have?

- Last time:
 - o The Verbs – Focus on the Verbs!
 - o Blunt and Urgent Call to Holy Living – More Faith without Works is Dead
 - o Don’t let what you can’t do get in the way of what you can do.” (John Wooden)
 - o Some priority therapy for “sinaholics.”
 - o Salvation is free but not cheap!
 - o Faith and Hope – only as good as its object!
 - o Born again to love.

2) 2:1-3 Grow up!

- “Crave.”
- Keep on growing.
- How does it taste?!

3) 2:4-12 Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand

We’ve come to the center of gravity of 1 Peter, to some of the most splendid verses of the New Testament. Peter lays out a powerful portrait of Christ our Savior, and then in stirring language, he tells

Christians what an exalted identity they have by reason of their connection to him. Their relationship with Jesus Christ changes and ennobles and enriches their relationship with everyone else in their lives.” (Mark Jeske in The People’s Bible.)

- From a Living Hope to the Living Stone.
- Living Stones (not bricks) of a Spiritual House (Another picture of who we are!)
- Holy Priesthood and Spiritual Sacrifices
- 3 OT References: Christ is our Cornerstone, and Capstone, or a Stumbling Rock
- You are ... You have a Purpose ... You were ... You Are
- Live honorably ... don’t be who they say but who you are ... “Living good makes us (and Jesus) look good.”)

