

STUDY OF ^F PETER 2:1-10

I. INTRODUCTION.

- a. Tie in 2nd Chapter to I Peter 1:22-25.
 - i. “Born again...by the word of God...”
 - ii. After birth must come growth.

II. THE NEED FOR GROWTH. (1-3)

- a. Things to “lay aside” (hindrances to growth).
 - i. “Malice”—(wickedness: ASV).
 - ii. “Guile”—from a verb meaning to “catch with bait”.
 - iii. “Hypocrisy”—in Greek literature, referred to wearing a mask.
 - iv. “Envy”—jealousy, spite, feeling discontent.
 - v. “Evil speakings”—belittling remarks about someone’s reputation.
- b. Desire food that feeds the soul. (2a)
- c. End of that desire and growth. (2b-3)

III. PRIVILEGES BELONGING TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD. (4-8)

- a. The “New” spiritual house. (4-5)
 - i. Christ—a living stone. (4)
 - 1. Note use of “living” thus far in I Peter.
 - 2. “Rejected” by men (“disallowed” in KJV).
 - 3. “Chosen and precious” to God.
 - ii. Christians—living stones in a spiritual house. (5)
- b. Christians—a holy priesthood. (5)
- c. Christ—the chief cornerstone. (6-8)
 - i. Discussion: importance of chief cornerstone in ancient construction.
 - ii. Old Testament references.

IV. DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD. (9-10)

- a. “Chosen generation”—an “elect race”.
 - i. Old Testament speaks of Israel as the “chosen of God”. (Is. 43:20; Deut. 7:6)
 - ii. What held the Jews together?
 - iii. Those relationships changed in Jesus Christ.
- b. “Royal priesthood”—a priesthood of believers belonging to God.
- c. “Holy nation”—a distinct set-apart group of people.
- d. “Peculiar (or purchased) people”—a people for God’s own possession.

V. CONCLUSION.