

1 Peter

CHAPTER 2

- 1** Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby:
- 3** If so be you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.
- 4** To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,
- 5** You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 6** Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believes on Him shall not be confounded.
- 7** Unto you therefore who believe *He is* precious: but unto them who be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
- 8** And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
- 9** But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- 10** Who in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
- 11** Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
- 12** Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- 13** Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;
- 14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.
- 15** For so is the will of God, that with well doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:
- 16** As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
- 17** Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.
- 18** Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.
- 19** For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.
- 20** For what glory *is it*, if, when you be buffeted for your faults, you shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.
- 21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:
- 22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
- 23** Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed *Himself* to Him that judges righteously:
- 24** Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed.
- 25** For you were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.