

Newborn Infants, Living Stones, and.

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | 1 Peter 2:1-10

1. Peter seems to equate brotherly love with avoidance of speaking ill about other Christians at the end of 1 Peter 1 and the beginning of 1 Peter 2. Why do we speak so poorly of other believers? How can we avoid thes besetting "verbal" sins?
2. What is the "pure spiritual milk" mentioned in 1 Peter 2:2? What is the most important tool God uses to grow us up in the faith (see also 2 Timothy 3:16-17)? What happens when we abandon that tool? Why would Christians and Christian churches avoid focusing on that tool?
3. Why are we so intent on seeking the approval of the unbelieving world around us? How does our fear of rejection cause us to give up important parts of what it means to be a Christian? How can we be both winsom with the unbelieving society in which we live while at the same time remaining committed to the truthfulness of God's Word?
4. In what way are Christians royalty (see also Romans 8:14-17)? How does this image influence the kind of boldness we ought to show in our belief and proclamation about Jesus?