

**DESIRING THE PURE MILK OF THE WORD
(1 Peter 1:-23-2:3)**

I. OUR SUFFERING NEEDS TO BE VIEWED IN RELATION TO GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU (1 Peter 1:1-12)

II. OUR SALVATION & PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL & PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (1:13-2:10)

A. In Your Relationship (vertically) Toward GOD (1:13-21)

B. In Your Relationship (horizontally) Toward OTHER BELIEVERS (1:22-25)

1. The priority command in these verses is to _____ (1:22-25)
2. The very reason we can love one another is because we have been “ _____ ” through the _____.

Some Truths Concerning the “New Birth”

1. The *meaning* of “*born again*” (anagennao / gennao anothen) – literally mean to be _____ or _____ denoting a spiritual birth from _____ (John 3:3, 7; 1 Peter 1:23)
2. The *timing* of “*having been born again*” (perfect tense) - indicates that a sinner is *born again* at a _____, which is a non repeatable event, that has _____ in the _____.
3. The *voice* of “*having been born again*” - (passive voice) - tells us that _____ is the _____ of the new birth, while the _____ is the _____ of it.
4. The *means* of the *new birth* involves the Holy Spirit using the _____, and in particular the _____ of grace which centers in _____ & His finished work on the _____ (1 Peter 1:23-25)

C. In your Relationship Toward YOUR OWN WALK & GROWTH (2:1-3)

1. God's command here is that you _____ the Word of God (2:1-3)
- What does “*desire*” (epipotheo) mean?
 - Is this really that important?

- Peter's *example* of "intensely desiring" God's word:
- What part do you have in all this?
- What is the object to be craved?
- What does "*pure milk*" imply?
- What does "*of the word*" underscore?
- What is the intended result of all this?
- What barriers can keep you from all this?
- What should motivate & encourage you to respond to God & desire the milk of His word? (2:3)
- How does all this apply to you?