**Date**: October 25th, 2020

**Text**: 1 Peter 2:1-3

**Topic**: Spiritual growth

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**Get Growing!**

“Pursuing spiritual health while avoiding spiritual stagnation”

**Text**: **1 Peter 2:1-3**, “So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. **2**Like newborn infants, (FOS – simile) long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— **3**if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” **English Standard Version**

*In order to experience spiritual growth*…

**Point #1**: Don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.1**

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**Point #2**: Crave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.2**

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**Point #3**: Remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.3**

**Corollary Verses**: Ephesians 4:22-24; 1 Corinthians 5:9; 1 Peter 1:22-25; Galatians 1:8-10; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; Jeremiah 27:12-15; and Psalm 34:8.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Ephesians 4:22-24** and **1 Corinthians 5:9-13** then answer the following questions. What does it mean to “putting off” the old self and “putting on” the new self? What exactly does Paul say needs to be renewed? How does the Ephesians passage align with **Romans 12:2**? Why is Paul so concerned about unrepentant believers remaining in the congregation?
2. Read **Romans 10:14-15**; **1 Peter 1:22-25**; and **2 Timothy 4:2-5** then answer the following questions. Look up the term “expository preaching” online and write down the definition. Why is it important to engage in a regular diet of good healthy expository preaching? How does expository preaching promote spiritual health and wellbeing of those who listen carefully to it?
3. Read **Acts 17:10-11** then answer the following questions. What were the two activities that the Bereans participated in related to Paul’s preaching? How would you explain what it means to receive the word with all eagerness? What does it entail to search the Scriptures daily based upon the sermon you heard? What is the danger in going to an online personality for your answers?
4. Read **Galatians 1:8-10** and **2 Timothy 4:3-4** then answer the following questions. What warning does Paul provide the church at Galatia regarding unbiblical preaching? In the future, what kind of preaching will people no longer tolerated? In these passages unbiblical preaching seeks to please man, satisfy his fleshly desires, and tickle his ears with myths. Does this kind of preaching exist today? If so, provide some examples.
5. Read **1 Peter 2:3** and **Psalm 34:8** then answer the following questions. Give some examples of sweet experiences that you have had where you have recognized God’s faithfulness, goodness, and love? Did these experiences provide the encouragement you needed?