

# 1 Peter 2

## Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup> **W**HEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

<sup>2</sup> As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

<sup>3</sup> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

<sup>4</sup> To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

<sup>5</sup> Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

<sup>7</sup> Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his

marvellous light:

<sup>10</sup> Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

<sup>16</sup> As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

<sup>17</sup> Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

<sup>18</sup> Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

<sup>19</sup> For this *is* thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

<sup>20</sup> For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.

<sup>21</sup> For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

<sup>22</sup> Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

<sup>23</sup> Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

<sup>24</sup> 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 ye were healed.

<sup>25</sup> For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.