



## "Responding to the Word of Grace" (Part 5)

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### 1 Peter 2:2-3



**22** Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love each other from a pure heart.

**23** You have been born again not out of perishable seed, but imperishable: through the living and enduring Word of God. **24**

FOR ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS AND ALL OF HER GLORY IS LIKE A FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS AND THE FLOWER FADES, **25** BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD REMAINS FOREVER. And this is the Word which was preached to you.

**2:1** Therefore, putting aside all wickedness, and all deceitfulness, and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, **2** Like newborn babies, long for the pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow with respect to salvation – **3** if indeed you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

– 1 Peter 1:22-2:3, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

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## Introduction

"Responding to the Word of Grace Will Bring God's Blessing in Your Spiritual Race."

## I. Rightly Responding to the Word of Grace (1:22 - 2:3)

**A. Rekindle Your Love for the Brethren (22) "What is the Measure of my Love?"**

**B. Remember Your Response to the Word (23-25) "What is my Perspective on Scripture?"**

1. Remember the Word that Saved You (23a)
2. Remember the Nature of that Word that Saved You (23b-25a)
3. Remember the Preaching of the Word that Saved You (25b)

**C. Resist Your Temptations to Sin (2:1) "What am I putting Aside?"**

## D. Renew Your Spiritual Hunger (2:2-3) "What \_\_\_\_\_ is in my Mouth?"

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for That Which Brings Salvation Growth (v. 2)

a. The Illustration (2a)

(1) The word "babies" is the plural form of the noun *brephos* ( βρεφος)

(2) Does Peter's illustration imply that his readers were immature?

(3) "Pure spiritual milk" → two adjectives and one noun

(a) "Milk" (noun)

(b) "Spiritual" (adjective)

i. The word *logikos* (λογικος) is only used here and in Rom. 12:1

ii. Cf. Psalm 119:20, 131 where the same verb "long for" is used in the LXX

(c) "Pure" - *adolos* ( ἄδολος ) meaning:

<p>Your appetite, or lack thereof, stands in direct proportion to your spiritual health.</p>
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b. The Motivation (2b)

(1) Why does the KJV leave out the phrase "with respect to salvation?"

(2) How can we "grow with respect to salvation?" What is meant by "salvation?"

(3) God's Word as a means toward salvation growth (5 ideas)

i. Listen to it \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Read it \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Study it \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Meditate on it \_\_\_\_\_

v. Obey it \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Qualification (v. 3)

## Conclusion