

**The Challenges of Grace, Part 1
1 Peter 1:22-2:25 (page 850)**

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Having accepted the "Call of Grace" and received salvation and our eternal inheritance, we follow Peter as he presents the "Challenges of Grace". Question! Will we accept the challenges or retreat into our "old ways"?

- The Challenge of Harmonious Life. (1:22-2:3)
- To live harmoniously in the setting God places us our first challenge is to grow in purity. 1:22, Even King David asked how! (Psalm 119:9,11)

The process also involves remembering how you got the message. 1:23-25. "You are born of the imperishable seed of the Word". (Isa 40:6-8; Matt. 24:35; Psalm 119:89; Mark 4:1-20)

Peter also challenges us to Discard and Crave (2:1-3; Eph. 4:20-24; Col. 3:10) As a new-born crave the milk of the Word. It's time to Grow up!

Growing up also means accepting your spiritual role. (2:4-12. 2:4,5; 1 Cor. 3:9) Israel failed.

The believers are to serve as a Royal Priesthood. (2:9-12)

Grace also presents Challenges of Submission! (2:13-25)

- Submission to governmental Authorities (2:12-17; Rom 13:2-4) Sent by God to punish and curtail evil. Contrary to popular thought today, laws are not written for the other guy (or gal).

Submission to Masters. (2:18-25)

- The issue is not about slavery but about choice!
- Let this mind be in YOU! Phil. (2:3-11)

"Now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your Soul."

- "Chose you this day" (Josh. 24:15)