

Conduct Suited to Christian Relationships

1 Peter 1:13 - 2:17

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1st: As Children in Relation to the Father (1:13-17)

13 Wherefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, *be sober and hope with perfect stedfastness in the grace which will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ*; **14** as children of obedience, not conformed to *your* former lusts in your ignorance; **15** but as he who has called you is holy, be ye also holy in all *your* conversation; **16** because it is written, Be ye holy, for "I" am holy. **17** And if ye invoke as Father him who, without regard of persons, judges according to the work of each, pass your time of sojourn in fear,

2nd: As Redeemed in Relation to the

Work of Christ (1:18-21)

18 knowing that ye have been redeemed, not by corruptible *things*, as silver or gold, from your vain conversation handed down from *your* fathers, **19** but by precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, *the blood* of Christ, **20** foreknown indeed before *the* foundation of *the* world, but who has been manifested at the end of times for your sakes, **21** who by him do believe on God, who has raised him from among *the* dead and given him glory, that your faith and hope should be in God.

3rd: As Brethren in Relation to One Another (1:22-25)

22 Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth to unfeigned brotherly love, love one another out of a pure heart fervently; **23** being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by *the* living and abiding word of God. **24** Because all flesh *is* as grass, and all its glory as *the* flower of grass. The grass has withered and *its* flower has fallen; **25** but the word of *the* Lord abides for eternity. But this is the word which in the glad tidings *is* preached to you.

4th: As New-Born Babes in Relation to the Word (2:1-3)

CHAPTER 2

1 Laying aside therefore all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envyings and all evil speakings, **v.1** if v.1 isn't active in your life, v.2 won't be either. These things hinder the christian from having an appetite for the word of God... they need to be expunged from our lived. They have to do with our attitude or spirit. see note on five kings.

five kings. these five sins are a progression. it begins in the heart (malice) and comes out from the mouth (Evil speaking).

1. malice - desire to harm SOMEONE
2. guile - malice with a smile, or deception
3. hypocrisy - trying to be something we are not
4. envy - coveting something that belongs to another
5. evil speaking - talking bad about others, slandering.

Like the five kings of old (Josh 10:22-26) they need to be dragged into the light, judged, and put away.

2 as newborn babes desire earnestly the pure mental milk of the word, that by it ye may grow up to salvation, **v.2** this verse is not saying that we should remain spiritual babies (hence, "that ye may grow"), but that we should never lose the same appetite a newborn has for its mother's milk. connect the "therefore" in v.1 with I Pet. 1:25.

3 if indeed ye have tasted that the Lord is good.

5th: As Living Stones in Relation to Christ in Glory (2:4-8)

4 To whom coming, a living stone, cast away indeed as worthless by men, but with God chosen, precious, **5** yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. **6** Because it is contained in the scripture: Behold, I lay in Zion a corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believes on him shall not be put to shame. **7** To you therefore who believe is the preciousness; but to the disobedient, the stone which the builders cast away as worthless, this is become head of *the* corner, **8** and a stone of stumbling and rock of offence; *who* stumble at the word, being disobedient to which also they have been appointed. **v.8** God didn't choose them to be disobedient... they chose that. But God chose that the point of their stumbling would be at the the word, specifically the Word of God pertaining to the Person of Christ.

6th: As A Chosen Race in Relation to God (2:9-10)

9 But “ye” *are* a chosen race, a kingly priesthood, a holy nation, a people for a possession, that ye might set forth the excellencies of him who has called you out of darkness to his wonderful light; **10** who once *were* not a people, but now God’s people; who were not enjoying mercy, but now have found mercy.

7th: As Strangers and Pilgrims in Reference to the World (2:11-17)

11 Beloved, I exhort *you*, as strangers and sojourners, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; **12** having your conversation honest among the Gentiles, that *as to that* in which they speak against you as evildoers, they may through *your* good works, *themselves* witnessing *them*, glorify God in *the* day of visitation. **13** Be in subjection *therefore* to every human institution for the Lord’s sake; whether to *the* king as supreme, **14** or to rulers as sent by him, for vengeance on evildoers, and praise to them that do well. **15** Because so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of senseless men; **16** as free, and not as having liberty as a cloak of malice, but as God’s bondmen. **17** Shew honour to all, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the king.