

**A Lively Hope In Troubled Times**  
**Healing Life's Hurts**  
**1 Peter 2.1-3**

[If you know that:]

- [This world is not your home.]
- [This world is not your hope.]
- [This world is not your help.]

[If you know that the Word of God really is the Word of God, then there is, in Chapter 2, something to lay aside, something to desire, and something to taste.]

**A. Our Prognosis (vs 1) [- ". . . *laying aside . . .*" - The Slide to Degradation.]**

1. **The development of the disease (vs 1; Gal 5.19-24)** – The symptoms of this terrible disease,

*[1 Peter 2:1 - Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,]*

- **[All Malice** - Malice is ill-will, it deals with your intent.]

[This is the place where everything else finds it root and nourishment.]

- **[All guile** - guile deals with deceit, subtility.]

[It is that undertoe that lies just under the calm surface of the water. ]

[Commonly refered to as a rip-tide, devastating yet unseen.]

- **[All Hypocrisy** - Hypocrisy is stage acting.]

[It is putting on a front.]

[It is to present yourself as something that you are not.]

- [Envy - Envy is simply an evil desire for more power or authority. ]

[It is the opposite of humility and meekness.]

[It often disguises itself as the valent knight seeking to rescue the helpless.]

[For instance, there will always be those people who feel they are called to rescue and protect the Church from its pastor.]

- [Evil Speaking - katalalia {kat-al-al-ee'-ah} (gk) AV - backbiting 1, evil speaking 1; 2 1) defamation, evil speaking.]

Gal 5.19

[The gossip, nit picking, and just disrespectfully tearing down of another person.]

[We often look at the Gossip and Back Biting as the beginning of the problem. **The truth is that they are merely Symptoms of a far greater problem.**]

[The disease that manifests itself in the blister, blotch, or bruise of evil speaking **actually started in the heart with a simple ill-will or malice.**]

[Paul gives a similar list and identifies this evil disease as the works of the flesh, He then counters this fleshy list with a new list, the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5.19-20).]

*[Gal 5.19-24 Now the works of the flesh are manifest , which are [these]; Adultery , fornication , uncleanness , lasciviousness , <sup>20</sup> Idolatry , witchcraft , **hatred** , variance , **emulations** , wrath , **strife** , **seditions** , **heresies** , <sup>21</sup> **Envyings** , murders, drunkenness, **revellings** , and such like : of the which I tell you before , as I have also told [you] in time past , that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God . <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love ,*

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joy , peace , longsuffering , gentleness , goodness , faith , <sup>23</sup> Meekness ,  
temperance : against such there is no law . <sup>24</sup> And they that are Christ's have  
crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts .]

2. **The Diagnosis of the disease (Rom 3.23; 6.23)** [– The Cause of all the symptoms,]

Rev 20.11

**[Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;]**

[What do all of these traits of the flesh point back to - **SIN** - and sin always results in death.]

[The Result of this malady?]

**[Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.]**

**[Psalm 9:17 - The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.]**

**[Revelation 20:11–15 - And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. <sup>14</sup>And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.]**

**[1 Peter 2:1 - Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,]**

[When this disease of sin is in our blood, in our very DNA, how can we lay it aside.]

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[In our body and in this world we have no hope to cure this vile disease of sin and all its symptoms.]

[Some people think they can cure sin by a knowledge of sin or of right and wrong. God's Word says,]

**[Romans 3:19–23 - Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; <sup>22</sup>Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: <sup>23</sup>For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;]**

[The law convicts a sinner and reveals what he or she is.]

**B. Our Prescription (vs 2) [- ". . . Desire the sincere milk of the Word . . ."]**

**[The Cure -** There is a cure for the cancer of our sinful flesh and its disastrous effects upon our lives.]

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[As the sinful disease of the flesh found its root in the heart, through ill-will. So the cure finds its root in the heart through desire.]

**Notice three things about this desire,**

**1. The Intensity of the desire [- "As newborn babes . . ."]**

[Every parent knows the intensity with which a newborn baby desires milk when its hungry. There is no satisfying the tike until it has received its milk.]

[Hence, it is with such intesity that Christians should desire the milk of the Word of God.]

2. **The Sincerity of the desire** [- ". . .*desire the sincere milk of the Word . . .*"]

[The sincere milk of the Word may also mean the pure milk of the Word.]

[It points us to the truths presented in 1 Pet 1.23-25. That the Word of God is perfect, pure, and perfectly preserved.]

3. **The Productivity of the desire** [- ". . .*that you may grow thereby.*"]

[auxano {owx-an'-o} grow 12, increase 7, give the increase 2, grow up 1; 22 1) to cause to grow, augment .]

[An intense, and sincere desire for the Word of God will always result in a Spiritual increase.]

[The cure for our sinful flesh and its disastrous disease is an intense and sincere desire for the Word of God.]

**C. Our Prompting (vs 3)** [- "*If so be ye have tasted that the Lord [is] gracious.*"]

[In the end what is it that leads us to desire a cure? The Word of God teaches us that the only remedy for our disease of sin is the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross. Why?]

[1. Because Jesus Paid the penalty for our sins]

**[Romans 3:23–25 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

<sup>24</sup>*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

<sup>25</sup>**Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood,** to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;]

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*[1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.]*

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