



July 29

Passage: **1 Peter 2:1-12**

Today is a sad reality of the “junk” that daily attempts to steal from us and cause us to return to the vomit. Gross I know, but that’s the reality and the temptation staring us in the face each and every day. The challenge today is simple. Will you trust Jesus daily or give in to being what you once were?

## **READ & DIG.    Read 1 Peter 2:1-12**

Peter challenges us today while also giving a beautiful reminder of who you truly are in Christ. A reminder we so often need and a reminder the original audience desperately needed. One thing I’m noticing through the reading is that Peter often encourages and challenges in the same breath. What do I mean by that? Let’s look at some highlights and I think you’ll see them.

### **PUT AWAY THE JUNK!**

There’s the challenge. Get rid of that stuff that from the old life. Clean out the fridge of old Chris and replace it was the things new Chris needs. *That’s basically vv. 1-2*  
*But then this little dig in v. 3 – “IF YOU HAVE TASTED THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.”*  
Peter is saying this....you guys have to start living right as a child of God...if indeed you are a child of God But then the encouragement....

### **LIVING STONES (know who you are)**

You remember chapter 1? The LIVING HOPE part. It seems this “LIVING” thing is a pattern. Here Peter says we are like living stones. We’re being used to build the house of God in a way. Stones serve a purpose....we as LIVING STONES also serve a purpose. THAT PURPOSE cannot be lived out if we pursue the old things. So Peter says....PUT AWAY THE JUNK....but also reminds WHY we are to do so. We’re living stones! We have a great purpose. BUT what about if we don’t “FEEL” that way? Well, it’s a good thing life is about feelings right? That leads the last and greatest encouragement.

### **CHOSEN RACE & ROYAL PRIESTHOOD (go live for Christ)**

You feel special? You should. Peter remind the reader of WHO THEY ARE IN CHRIST. This is the great hope and ultimate encouragement. We are not our own...we were bought with a price. So then....[CHALLENGE ALERT] go our and proclaim Christ. (v.9)

Do me and you a favor....just go read w. 9-10 again. Crazy good and comforting.

### **APPLY & GO    (What now?)**

I’m not sure about you...but in reading this I’m encouraged to go live. How awesome is it knowing that I’m going out to fight a battle I’ve already won? It’s like...the game is still going but we know we’ve won. Now, just go let it loose! That’s what Peter is doing here...but he’s also reminding us that the game is still being played. **So put away the junk, know who you are and go live for Christ.**

That’s the hope and encouragement today.