

"Get rid of it all!"

What God is doing here at Endurance is incredible! He is moving in so many lives and families! While we celebrate this every day...we must continue to never get off path! Proverbs 3:1-7

1. Get rid of it all!

- I Peter 2:1 / Ephesians 4:31 / I Peter 2:11
- The Holy Spirit is not giving a suggestion! This is a command from God!
- "Get rid of all" = Laying it all aside! You are not carrying it anymore! Your heart, mind and hands are free of it!
- Your life as a Christian cannot grow unless sin is renounced in your life by you!
- Sin will stunt and stop your growth in Christ!
- Example: Look at the Psalmist, as he cries out to God and does not want ANYTHING sinful to be between him and God! Psalm 19:12-14
- Psalm 66:18 / Peter 3:7...very powerful verses on sin vs. God hearing prayer!
- I'm so thankful today for I John 1:9 and Psalm 103:12!
- The act of Repentance doesn't require perfection, it requires honesty. The reason that you are repenting is that you are not perfect!
- When this cleansing and purging in your heart and soul takes place at Salvation...and continues each day...you will SEE the change!
- Titus 3:5-6 tells us that you can be washed clean from your sin! The Blood of Jesus! The Word of God! The Holy Spirit!
- The Word of God works! The Word of God is working in you! Romans 10:17!
- Why is this so important? | Peter 2:12! You can't change the world if you are just like it!
- Peter 2:15! Let your life speak for you by the way that you live!

2. Evil / Evil behavior!

- Peter 2:1
- **Evil** = <u>Malice</u>. It is used 11 times in the New Testament! <u>Get rid of it all!</u>
- Wickedness comes from the Devil, but it comes from your own heart too!
- Jeremiah 17:9 / Proverbs 4:23 you need to guard your heart!

- Peter 2:16 it's your choice to do evil or not with the freedom that you have!
- Romans 1:29 every kind of Evil is possible in a life if you choose!

A. How do we fix and protect ourselves from sin/evil? | Peter 2:2-3!

- <u>To crave is to desire!</u> Spiritual Growth only comes by the craving, desire or hunger for God's Word with the intensity like a baby craves milk!
- <u>LOL</u> If you have a little baby that is hungry...that baby cries out for milk! Then, and only then is that little baby fully satisfied!
- The goal? "So that you will GROW into the FULL experience of Salvation!"
- Milk does a body good! The Word of God does the Soul, Spirit, Mind and Heart great!
- Why desire this? Because God has shown you His Kindness! Peter 2:10 / Psalm 34:8!
- <u>The point?</u> At Salvation, you experience the mercy and grace of God in forgiveness! This causes us to then pursue Him even more!
- I've seen His kindness! I've seen His compassion! I've seen His forgiveness! I owe Him all of me! How do I do this? "I give up all that I am for all that He is!"
- <u>Jesus is your life source!</u> You get rid of all sin and admit your need for Him! <u>Why?</u> He offers His mercy and kindness to you!

2. Jesus was and is rejected by many yet continues to offer His mercy!

- I Peter 2:5
- What is the result of your Salvation and getting rid of all evil? Verse 5- "You are living stones..."
- Peter 2:9 says "But you are not like that..."
- Verse 9 "Royal Priests..."
- Holy / Royal Priests = Elect Privilege! Cleansed of sins! Clothed for Service! Anointed by the Holy Spirit's Power for Service! Prepared in every way for Service! Ordained to be Obedient to the Lord! Honor God's Word and offer up Spiritual Sacrifices to Him! Walk with God! Impact Sinners Lives for change! Messengers of God!
- Yet...what is the MAIN privilege of this New Covenant Priesthood?
- You have ACCESS TO GOD anytime and anywhere! The Veil was torn in two!!!
- Verse 9 "You are God's own possession" / Verse 9 "He rescued us out of Darkness into this wonderful light!"

Closing: A life free of evil will have a submissive heart for the right Authority! | Peter 2:13-25

- Verse 13 "For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority." Kings...officials."
- If you live and do what is right...those Authority will see that.
- Jerry, what about if those leaders are bad? What if they are corrupt? Evil?
- There is a time to take a stand! Acts 5:29!
- Yeah, but if you read on they were beaten and flogged!
- You take the stand and leave it all in the hands of the Heavenly Father! Jesus did!
 Peter 2:21-25!
- Just remember that we have been given the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit will guide you into ALL Truth! John 14:26 (You will know what to do!)