

Peter uses some *hard* word pictures in his first letter.

In chapter one, he mentions a *seed that cannot die* (God's word), which is sown in us (preached and heard), takes root in us (received by faith), grows in us (trusted and obeyed), and transforms us from perishable beings to ever-living children of God (born again).

In chapter two, Peter points us to the *living Stone*, and explains how we, too, *like living stones*, are being built into a spiritual house to bring praises to God through Jesus Christ.

- I. "Grow up in your salvation" - (1 Pt. 2:1-3)
  - a. Rid yourselves of all anti-love
  - b. Stay thirsty for pure spiritual milk
  - c. You have tasted that the Lord is good
- II. "As you come to him, the living Stone" - (1 Pt. 2:4-8)
  - a. The continual present tense of walking to/with Jesus
  - b. The solid Rock and living Stone
  - c. Cornerstone of believers; Stumbling block of the lost
- III. Our purpose as "pieces" of the Rock - (1 Pt. 2:9-10)
  - a. The Lord is our Rock; the church is his rock
  - b. What is this spiritual house all about?
  - c. A typical day for a living stone in Christ

"...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." – 1 Peter 2:5