

Living in Christ #3

1 Peter. 2:1-3

“Musts” for all believers: (2:1-3)

- Get rid of all evil behavior. **What to rid ourselves of:**
 - Deceit
 - Hypocrisy
 - Jealousy (Mark. 10:35-41, Luke 22:14-24)
 - Unkind speech (James 3:1-12)
- Crave “cry out” for pure spiritual nourishment.

Four stages of growth:

- Infants - Their needs are priority. “Serve me”, “Meet my needs”. **Awakening**
- Children – Their entertainment is priority. “Entertain me”. “I’m bored”. **Learning**
- Teenagers – Their way is priority. “Put up with me”. **Questioning, Experimenting**
- Adults – Their giving to others is priority. “God use me”. **Giving**

How do we grow in Christ: (Heb. 5:7-6:3)

- Be willing to listen to God. (v. 11) “dull”
- Be willing to learn from God. (vv. 12, 6:1-3) “solid food”
- Be willing to live for God. (vv. 13-14) “do what is right.”

Points to Ponder:

- Our motives should be pure!
- Our actions should be genuine!
- Our contentment should be sure!
- Our words should be kind!
- Our growth should be continual! (Luke 2:52)