

INTRO:**I. Literary Features of chapter 2:**

A. First, there are direct commands.

B. Second, the church is described:

1. Newborn babes (2)
2. Living stones (5)
3. Spiritual house (5)
4. Holy priesthood (5)
5. Chosen generation (9)
6. Royal priesthood (9)
7. Holy nation (9)
8. His own special people (5)
9. People of God (10)
10. Sojourners, Pilgrims (11)

C. Third, the Lord is described:

1. Gracious (3)
2. Living stone (4)
3. Chosen (4)
4. Precious (4)
5. Chief cornerstone (6)
6. Elect (6)
7. precious (6)
8. Precious (7)
9. Stone (7)
10. Chief cornerstone (7)
11. stone, rock (8)
12. Shepherd (25)
13. Overseer (25)

D. Fourth, there are Contrasts:

1. Lay aside sin / grow in the Word (1-3)
2. Living stone rejected by men, but chosen of God and precious (4)
3. Believers / unbelievers (7-8)
4. disobedient / chosen generation, etc. (8-9)
5. darkness / light (9)
6. not a people / people (10)
7. not obtained mercy / obtained mercy (10)
8. abstain from fleshly lusts / have conduct honorable (11-12)
9. Submissive citizens / evildoers (13-14)
10. do not misuse liberty / use liberty as bondservants (16)
11. good masters / harsh masters (18)
12. suffer for doing wrong / suffer for doing right (20)

13. Jesus was reviled / He did not revile (23)
14. Jesus did not threaten / Jesus committed (23)
15. Jesus died / so we can live (24)
16. Jesus received stripes / we were healed (24)
17. sheep gone astray / sheep returned (25)

II. Key Words:

- A. God - 9x
- B. Lord - 2x
- C. Jesus Christ - 1x
- D. Christ - 1x
- E. Stone - 6x
- F. Suffer - 4x

II. Context:

- A. **Before: 1:22-25:** God's Word is contrasted to Man's flesh
- B. **After:**

1. The section 2:13-3:7 deals with "Submissiveness"

- a) All of you, Submit to the Government (2:13-17)
- b) Slaves, Submit to Masters (2:18-25)
- c) Wives, Submit to Husbands (3:1-6)

2. There is larger section happening around this area of the letter.

- a) Peter teaches concerning different relationships
- b) **First**, relationship between you and God (2:1-10)
- c) **Second**, relationship between you and Gentiles (2:11-12)
- d) **Third**, relationship between you and the government (2:13-17)
- e) **Fourth** relationship between slaves and Masters (2:18-25)
- f) **Fifth**, relationship between wives and husbands
- g) **Seventh**, your relationship with each other (3:8-12)

BODY:

I. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE STONE (vv. 1-8)

A. 2:1-3

1. *Laying aside* translates ἀποτίθημι apotithemi meaning *away / to place*.
2. Peter says *as newborn babes*.
3. Verse 3 gives motivation to grow as learners

B. 2:4-8

II. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR CONDUCT (vv. 9-12)

A. 2:9-10

B. 2: 11

1. The word *abstain* translates ἀπέχουμι *apechomai* which means *to hold back, keep off, to be away, be distant*:¹
 - a) Bodily desires are not sinful (in themselves).
 - b) But they become sinful if we fulfil those desires outside of God's limits.

2. WHY SHOULD WE ABSTAIN FROM SINFUL DESIRES OF THE BODY?

- a) First, We Are Sojourners and Pilgrims
- b) Second Fleshly Lusts War Against the Soul
- c) Third, Gentiles Can Glorify God in the Day of Visitation
- d) Fourth, Fleshly Lusts Go Against God's Word

III. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GOVERNMENT (vv. 13-17)

- A. The word *submit* translates ὑποτάσσω *hupotassō* meaning "to place or rank under"
- B. Q: What if a law of man demands that we sin?
- C. 2:13-14
- D. 2:15-16
- E. 2:17

IV. SERVANTS RESPONSIBILITY TO MASTERS (vv. 18-25)

- A. This segment can be broken up into two parts.
 1. Slaves obey, even during suffering (vv. 18-20).
 2. Christ is the motivation to obey; He suffered (vv. 21-25).
- B. Q: Does the absence of a slavery system allow us to be horrible employees at our jobs?
- C. 2:21
- D. 2:22
- E. 2:23-25

¹ Robert L. Thomas, *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek Dictionaries : Updated Edition* (Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc., 1998). n.p.