**CHAPTER 2**

*We are to lay aside all guile, and go to Christ the living stone: and as being now his people, walk worthily of him, with submission to superiors, and patience under sufferings.*

**1** Wherefore laying away all malice, and all guile, and dissimulations, and envies, and all detractions,

**2** As newborn babes, desire the rational milk without guile, that thereby you may grow unto salvation:

**3** If so be you have tasted that the Lord is sweet.

**4** Unto whom coming, as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen and made honourable by God:

**5** Be you also as living stones built up, a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

**6** Wherefore it is said in the scripture: Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious. And he that shall believe in him, shall not be confounded.

**7** To you therefore that believe, he is honour: but to them that believe not, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is made the head of the corner:

**8** And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of scandal, to them who stumble at the word, neither do believe, whereunto also they are set.

**9** But you are a chosen generation, a kingly priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people: that you may declare his virtues, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

**10** Who in time past were not a people: but are now the people of God. Who had not obtained mercy; but now have obtained mercy.

**11** Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul,

**12** Having your conversation good among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by the good works, which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation.

**13** Be ye subject therefore to every human creature for God’s sake: whether it be to the king as excelling;

**14** Or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of the good:

**15** For so is the will of God, that by doing well you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

**16** As free, and not as making liberty a cloak for malice, but as the servants of God.

**17** Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

**18** Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

**19** For this is thankworthy, if for conscience towards God, a man endure sorrows, suffering wrongfully.

**20** For what glory is it, if committing sin, and being buffeted for it, you endure? But if doing well you suffer patiently; this is thankworthy before God.

**21** For unto this are you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow his steps.

**22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

**23** Who, when he was reviled, did not revile: when he suffered, he threatened not: but delivered himself to him that judged him unjustly.

**24** Who his own self bore our sins in his body upon the tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice: by whose stripes you were healed.

**25** For you were as sheep going astray; but you are now converted to the shepherd and bishop of your souls.