

2:1-3

Therefore... ← what's it there for? 1:22

"Since you have... purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren..."

- malice
- deceit
- hypocrisy
- envy
- slander

towards someone else

Instead

like newborn babies,

remember the sound of a hungry baby?

long for the pure milk of the word

cf Gal 5:2 James 4:5

Why?

put aside like taking off dirty clothes

so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation

cf 1:1 2 Pt 3:18

if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

SINCE

experienced cf Heb 9:9

cf Matt 11:30 Rom 2:4

2:4-10

God's sight those who believe

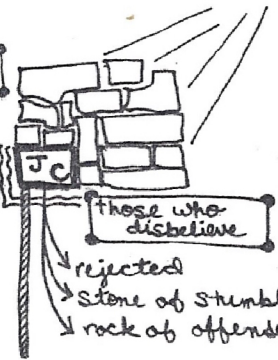
Living stone

Choice

- the chosen one
- select
- elect

Precious

- costly
- honored
- esteemed



US - LIVING STONES

- Spiritual house
- Holy priesthood
- offer spiritual sacrifices thru Jesus Christ
- believe → will not be disappointed

- chosen race
- royal priesthood
- holy nation
- people for God's own possession
- in marvelous light
- people of God
- have received mercy

All of this relates to our value - we are precious because WE ARE HIS

why? disobedient to the word we are to long for the word

darkness not a people no mercy

God called us out!!! proclaim HIS excellencies