

Read: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Day 14

“Revival Starts With Us”

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. -1 Peter 2:1

Insight Into The Word: Getting Rid Of Some Stuff

We have learned from Peter that there must be a change when a believer comes to faith in Christ. God has called us to a new standard of living, and He has empowered us to live like Him in a fallen world. In this study, Peter teaches us how to live this way and gives us the keys to this new standard.

The first key to rising up to a new standard of living is to deny our old nature. We can do this by doing the following things:

- Getting rid of **malicious behavior** (having or showing a desire to cause harm to someone).
- Getting rid of **deceitful behavior** (the act or practice of not being truthful).
- Not **pretending to be good** but actually being good in every area of our lives.
- Being done with **hypocrisy** (feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not, giving a false assumption or appearance of virtue, morals values, or religion).
- Being done with **jealousy** (covetousness and envy).
- Being done with **backstabbing** (hurting others or saying evil things about them behind their backs to others).

Peter is mentioning these things because they will keep the believer from rising up to the new standard of righteous living in Christ. These are all the works of the flesh, and they wage war against The Spirit and the new nature of the believer. If we get rid of these sinful things of our old nature, we can do what God commands us to do and live how He commands us to live.

Thoughts to Ponder:

Where might you still need to get rid of parts of your old nature?

How will getting rid of these sinful things strengthen your witness for Christ?