

I. Children in God's Family, v 1 - 3

- v 1 *lay aside* - *malice* (6x) **1 Corinthians 5:8**
guile (11x) **Psalm 34:13**
hypocrisy (6x) **Isaiah 32:5**
envies (1x) **Proverbs 3:31, Acts 13:45, 1 Timothy 6:4**
evil speakings (1x) **2 Chron 36:12, Psalm 34:13**

Verse 1 describes the *corruptible seed* of chapter 1 (v 23).

Verse 2 will examine the *new birth's* growth.

- v 2 *newborn babes* - **1 Corinthians 3:1-2, Hebrews 5:13 & 13:9**

The new babe must *desire the sincere milk of the word* = *incorruptible seed* (1:23).

desire - **Psalm 63:1-2, Matthew 5:6**

Only in English : *sincere* ~ sin + 'sear' = to burn, to scorch or cause to wither

As sin withers, the new babe grows. The key is having God's Bible = AV 1611.

The corruptible seeds (i.e. modern perversions) cannot remove the sin nor provide growth.

The proper growth sequence = **1 John 2:12-14**

babe . . . little children . . . young men . . . fathers

- v 3 **Psalm 34:8 & 119:57, Hebrews 6:5, 1 Timothy 4:6**

II. Precious Stones in God's Temple, v 4 - 8

- v 4, 6-8 (1) Christ is the corner stone **Daniel 2:34-35, 45**

disallowed of men - **Psalm 118:22, Acts 4:10-12, Ephesians 2:20**

chosen of God - **Luke 23:35**

- v 5 (2) We are *lively stones* ~ **Deuteronomy 27:5-8, 1 Chronicles 29:2**

III. Citizen's in the New Kingdom, v 9 - 10

The new birth allows us entry into the kingdom of God (John 3:3-7).

a chosen generation = **Matthew 1:1** (we are no longer Genesis 5:1).

an holy nation = the Israel of God **Galatians 6:16, Psalm 73:1, Exodus 19:5-6**

chosen . . . peculiar **Deuteronomy 7:6 & 26:18-19, Titus 2:14**

out of darkness - **Acts 26:18**