

(v. 2) **"As..."** like/as = indicating a *simile*, draws a comparison between subjects

Q? How do we reconcile this verse with 1 Cor. 3:1 and Heb. 5:13?

Both Paul and the writer of Heb. use *child/milk* comparison to describe one's maturity (or lack of it) while Peter uses the same objects to describe the desiring/longing. (Ps. 42:1-2)

Q? What if I have no desire? Answer: Everyone desires something. We were wired to "want".

spiritual milk = *logikos*; rational genuine, true, logical or reasonable. (Rom 12:1)

Q? What if I'm not longing for the spiritual milk of the word?

WARNING: The answer is not TRY HARDER; be more disciplined, read your Bible more, etc. But something WAY BETTER: Jn. 11:28-30 Come... and rest.

that by it = causing agent

lit. Grk = *it grows you up*

into salvation = *sōtēria*: to rescue from danger, deliver, restoration

Q? I thought I was already saved? Is salvation a onetime event or an ongoing process?

(*soteriology* = doctrine of salvation) (saved from sin's...)

past Eph. 2:8.....REGENERATION & JUSTIFICATION.....**penalty**

present Phil. 2:12, 1 Cor. 1:18.....SANCTIFICATION & PRESERVATION.....**power & practice**

future Rom. 5:9, 1 Thes. 5:9.....GLORIFICATION.....**presence**

(v. 1) **"So..."** i.e. *therefore, since* or *because* 1 Ptr. 1:22-25 (and 2:3) is true...

Put away = get rid of, lay aside, stop, cease (Heb. 12:1)

List of 5:

"...all malice" = hatred, wickedness, evil, trouble

"...all deceit" = dishonesty, falsehood, trickery/stealth

"...hypocrisy" = (plural) to pretend/act, "two-faced"

"...envy" = (plural) jealousy

"...all slander" = to speak against, speak evil of

Q? Why only 5? Why these specific 5? Answer: 1st century Grk. style; list of 5 (*minor points*) followed by 1 (*major point*) which summarized the list of 5. (e.g. Col. 3:5)

Q? So where's the summary? Answer: Peter already stated it 1:22 "...love one another".

These 5 are listed because each of these sins are a direct violation of *sincere brotherly love*. There are a.) idiosyncratic sins (i.e. *deserted island* sins) or b.) collective sins (relational sins).

III. Skill of a Determined Redeemer:

God saved us to make us like His Son. (Rom. 8:29)

Q? Are we cooperating with or resisting in His sanctifying work to make us His masterpiece?

God's Chisel

I no longer need EXCUSES or SHORT-CUTS to be the masterpiece God has already created me to be.

All I need is Jesus to become more – and me less. (Jn. 3:30)