

Groing into our Salvation

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Living well in a world that isn't

1:1-2: God controls the heavens

1:3-4:

Everyone who is in Christ has a guaranteed future home in the perfect Kingdom of God

Our broken world is NOT the final word

1:6-7:

Now we suffer grief in all kinds of trials in a broken world

Yet God uses those trials for greater good in glory

1:13: What does it look like?

1:14-16: #1: Be holy in everything

Morally perfect

Set apart for God's purposes (sacred)

Live like Jesus

1:17-21: #2: Live with God always watching in holy love

1:22-2:1: #3: Love deeply

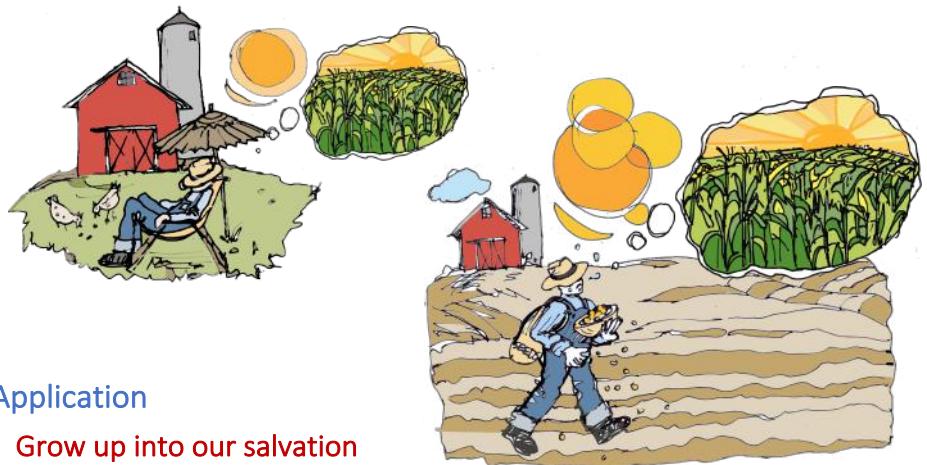
2:2-3: Pure spiritual milk

The Bible

The Holy Spirit

God's people

The lifeblood of the New Kingdom



Application

Grow up into our salvation

Live for God and by God's standards

Not: match the values of our world

Rather: be determined to live like Jesus taught and did

Flee all that is evil

Chase all that is good and God's plan

Love with deep determination

Always seek to bring good to others

Build them up with speech and action

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

With deep determination!

By craving the lifeblood of heaven

God's Word → Daily listen to God

The Holy Spirit → Daily pray, worship, and obey

God's people spurring each other on → regularly 'spur one another on'

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. How should our hope in our promised eternal home in paradise motivate our determined pursuit of the ways of heaven now?
2. What does it look like to 'crave pure spiritual milk'? Is there an action you will take to live that out better this week?

Conversation starters with people in daily life, whether or not they are Christians

Since our human efforts inevitably fall short of the ideals we pursue, what gives you courage and strength to keep trying?

The Big Idea

All God's children will live as royalty in the coming Kingdom of God

So...Be determined to grow up

into holiness and steadfast love

by craving the lifeblood of heaven

Christian hope in our promised eternal reward...

is not an escape or excuse for idleness

is the basis for a determined pursuit of heavenly character and values every day