

First Peter 1:20-2:3

1:20 - He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Not an accident that Christ was the price of redemption. Christ was chosen in advance.

1:20 [4267](#)προεγνωσμένουhaving been foreknown[3303](#)μεindeed[4253](#)πρובהfore[2602](#)καταβολήςthe founding[2889](#)κόσμουof the world,[5319-1161](#)φανερωθέντος δεbut being manifested[1909](#)επ' at[2078](#)εσχάτωνthe last[3588](#)τωνof the[5550](#)χρόνωνtimes[1223](#)δι' for[1473](#)υμάς,

God's model of "plan-it-then-do-it" is seen in → Isaiah 37:26 and Romans 8:29
The New Testament identifies that God was working his plan through the ages until that hidden plan was revealed in Christ and his life: → Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:6-10; Titus 1:2-3

"Revealed" indicates Christ was preexisted as is also in 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 9:26; 1 John 1:2; 3:5.

The New Testament also indicates that this "revealing" began the final age or the last days. These final days or this final age will end when the resurrected Jesus is revealed a second time. Acts 2:16-21; Col. 3:4; 1 Peter 5:4; 1 Cor. 10:11 (and, again Heb. 9:26 and 1 John 3:2)

Others had waited in the Old Testament for this age, but we the church now see it and benefit from it

1:21 - Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

We and the Christians Peter was writing to experience a privileged position since we are now in Christ and waiting for his 2nd revealing.

1:21 [3588](#)τουςthe ones[1223](#)δι' through[1473](#)αυτούhim[4100](#)πιστεύονταςbelieving[1519](#)ειςin[2316](#)θεόνGod,[3588](#)τονthe one[1453](#)εγείρανταraising [1473](#)αυτόνhim [1537](#)εκfrom [3498](#)νεκρώνthe dead,[2532](#)καιand [1391](#)δόξαν²glory [1473](#)αυτώ³to him [1325](#)δόντα¹having given], [5620](#)ώστεso as for [3588](#)τηνthe [4102](#)πίστινbelief [1473](#)υμώνof yours [2532](#)καιand [1680](#)ελπίδαhope [1510.1](#)είναιto be [1519](#)ειςin [2316](#)θεόνGod.

Through Jesus' 1st revealing we believe/trust in God because he raised Jesus from the dead.

So, now, Peter's readers can do more than fear God, they can trust the God they fear and put their hope in him.

Point of 1:20-21 is believers are to live holy lives (1:14-16) and fear God who is their judge (1:17) because God redeemed them with Christ's blood (1:18-19) with a plan God has now revealed 1:20). So, these believers can trust God through Jesus (by what Jesus said, did and how God raised Jesus from the dead.) (1:21)

1:22 – Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart

1:22 [3588](#)τας [5590-1473](#)ψυχάς υμώνYour souls [48](#)ηγνικότεςbeing purified [1722](#)ενin [3588](#)τηthe [5218](#)υπακοήobedience [3588](#)τηςof the [225](#)αληθείαςtruth [1223](#)διάthrough [4151](#)πνεύματοςspirit, [1519](#)ειςin [5360](#)φιλαδελφίαν²brotherly affection [505](#)ανυπόκριτον¹unpretentious], [1537](#)εκfrom out of [2513](#)καθαρὰ pure [2588](#)καρδίαςheart [240](#)αλλήλους²one another [25](#)αγαπήσατε¹love] [1619](#)εκτενώςfervently!

The verbs are in the perfect tense in the Greek which indicate these believers are already in this state of having been purified and having obeyed.

Obedience to the truth is believing the Gospel.

“Purified yourselves” – purification in the Old Testament made the worshipper ready to participate – Ex. 19:10; Josh. 3:5; John 11:55; Acts 21:24, 26; 24:18.

This purification was the born again experience.

It came through repentance as in James 4:8 and 1 John 3:3

This purification came through obedience to the truth which is the Gospel invitation (Jn. 14:16; Gal. 5:7; 2 Thes. 1:8

“by obeying the truth” – the Gospel.

But,

- 1) Obedience (hypakoe) 15x in the NT and not clear it is saving faith
- 2) Peter uses obedience (hypakoe) in 1:2 and 1:14 to refer to believer’s conduct
- 3) Purify (hagnizo) is used figuratively to refer to moral purification after salvation
- 4) Context is obedience after salvation
- 5) The readers are doing the purification which sounds more like phase two than phase one.

1:23 – For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God

1:23 [313](#)αναγεγεννημένοι Being regenerated, [3756](#)ουκnot [1537](#)εκfrom out of [4701](#)σποράς[²sowing [5349](#)φθαρτής¹a corruptible], [235](#)αλλάbut [862](#)αφθάρτουof incorruptible, [1223](#)διάby [3056](#)λόγουthe word [2198-2316](#)ζώντος θεούof God living [2532](#)καιand [2006](#)μύνοντεςabiding [4510](#)εἰςin [2588](#)ταῦταthe [165](#)αἰών

1:24 - For,

“All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,

1:24 [1360](#)διότιFor [3956](#)πάσαall [4561](#)σαρξflesh [5613](#)ωςis as [5528](#)χόρτοςgrass, [2532](#)καιand [3956](#)πάσαall [1391](#)δόξαglory [444](#)ανθρώπουof man [5613](#)ωςis as [438](#)άνθοςthe flower [5528](#)χόρτουof grass. [3583](#)εξηράνθη[³withered [3588](#)ο¹The [5528](#)χόρτος²grass], [2532](#)καιand [3588](#)το [438-1473](#)άνθος αυτούits flower [1601](#)εξέπεσεfell

1:25 - the word of the Lord endures forever.”
And this is the word that was preached to you.

1:25 [3588-1161](#) το δε But the [4487](#) ρήμα word [2962](#) κυρίου of the Lord [3306](#) μένει abides [1519](#) εις into [3588](#) τον the [165](#) αιώνα aeon. [3778-1161](#) τούτο δε And this [1510.2.3](#) εστις [3588](#) το the [4487](#) ρήμα word -- [3588](#) το the [2097](#) ευαγγελισθέν good news being

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

2:1 [659](#) αποθέμενοι Having put aside [3767](#) ούν then [3956](#) πάσα all [2549](#) κακία evil, [2532](#) και and [3956](#) πάντα all [1388](#) δόλον treachery, [2532](#) και and [5272](#) υποκρίσεις hypocrisies, [2532](#) και and [5355](#) φθόνους envies, [2532](#) και and [3956](#) πάσας all [2636](#) καταλαλιάς evil speakings,

2:2 – Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

2:2 [613](#) ως as [738](#) αρτιγέννητα new born [1025](#) βρέφη babes, [3588](#) το [²the [3050](#) λογικόν³rational [97](#) άδολον⁴sincere [1051](#) γάλα⁵milk [1971](#) επιποθήσατε¹long after]! [2443](#) ίνα that [1722](#) εν by [1473](#) αυτώ it [837](#) αυξηθήτε you should grow;

2:3 – Now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2:3 - [512](#) είπερ if indeed [1089](#) εγεύσασθε you tasted [3754](#) ότι that [5543](#) χρηστός is gracious [3588](#) ο the [2962](#) κύριος Lord.