

# HOPE *Refined*



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1 PETER 1:22–2:3

## A HOPE FOR MATURITY

I. Since you have been born again, you are \_\_\_\_\_ to mature in Christ-likeness.

*... since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God ... 1 Peter 1:23*

**ARE YOU MORE LIKE CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ THAN IN THE LAST WEEK, YEAR OR DECADE?**

*... grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2b-3*

II. Your maturity in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ by the health of your relationships.

*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love ... 1 Peter 1:22a*

**DO YOU LOVE OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_ BY BUILDING THEM UP?**

*... love one another earnestly from a pure heart ... 1 Peter 1:22b*

**DO YOU STRIVE TO RID YOURSELF OF THE SIN THAT \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?**

*So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 1 Peter 2:1*

III. Your maturity will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Word of God.

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2*

**IS GOD'S WORD YOUR "GO-TO" \_\_\_\_\_ IN LIFE?**

*"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:24-25*

... so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the *truth in love*, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ ...

Ephesians 4:14-15

1. Think of the most spiritually mature person you know. What specific characteristics mark them as mature in their relationships?

2. Read 1 Peter 1:22–2:3. What other sources besides the Word of God do you allow hourly, daily or weekly to speak into your life? (Examples: electronic and print news, social media platforms, friends, music, streaming channels, apps, blogs, movies, radio, podcasts.)

3. Read Ephesians 4:14-15. How do the things listed in this passage keep us from maturing? How do we know when we've had too little of God's Word and too much input from "human cunning" and "craftiness"?

4. How do you see malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander (1 Pet 2:1) going on around us every day? In what ways might those have seeped undetected into your own interactions, eroding relationships and causing division?

5. What does it look like to "love one another earnestly" (1 Pet 1:22)?

6. Besides the 22-Day Challenge from the sermon (see box above), see how many days you are able to "fast" from all other sources you listed in question 2 while you only engage with the Word of God.

What would it look like if you regularly implemented such a fasting practice from everything except the "pure milk" of the Bible?

### THE 22-Day Challenge PSALM 119

Each section of this psalm begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph through Tav. Read one of the 22 alphabetical sections a day, meditating on the value of God's Word.

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

**TEXT "CCBCCONNECT" TO 555-888 FOR YOUR NEXT STEP.** If you've been worshipping with us for a while, take the next step and connect! You can start with Connecting Point, a Bible study or an online small group—just text "CCBCConnect" to 555-888 and we'll send you info on ways to get in community at Christ Chapel (yep, even in quarantine!).

**BAND OF BROTHERS IS BACK WITH A NEW STUDY THIS TUESDAY, JULY 14.** Guys, join Ken Miller online for "Eye on the Prize," a new, four-week study in the book of 2 Timothy. Eye on the Prize is a call to commitment and a challenge to stay the course no matter what we face in life. (And we've gone through a lot in 2020 alone, right?) If there was ever a time when the church needed men who would fight the good fight of faith, it's now. Learn with our community of men this Tuesday live on Facebook at 7 p.m. (You can also watch on demand via YouTube later in the week.) Go to [www.ccbcfamily.org](http://www.ccbcfamily.org) to learn more.

**AUGUST CONNECTING POINT CLASSES ARE OPEN!** Are you new-ish to Christ Chapel? Connecting Point is the place to go if you're ready to make CCBC home and put down some roots. You'll learn about our church and all the ways we're here to help you grow in your faith, plus you'll get to know others who are new to CCBC as well. Head to [www.ccbcfamily.org](http://www.ccbcfamily.org) to sign up today.

**JOIN AN ONLINE SMALL GROUP.** If you've never been a part of an online small group, don't be intimidated! Small groups of people hang out online during the week to go deeper into Sunday's message, pray and share what's new in their lives. If you're looking for a way to make community and God's Word priorities in your life this summer, get in a group! Go to [www.ccbcfamily.org/groups](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/groups) to sign up today.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR KIDS KAMP.** Just a quick reminder that Real Heroes Kids Kamp 2020 will be available all summer on our website. Kids of all ages are loving the games, activities, Bible stories and videos, so swoop to [www.ccbcfamily.org](http://www.ccbcfamily.org) to start your own adventure now.

**WE'RE POSTING THE LATEST UPDATES AT WWW.CCBCFAMILY.ORG.** With so much changing in day-to-day life right now, we know there's a lot to keep track of. That's why we're posting any updates or changes to how and when we're gathering on our website. Go to [www.ccbcfamily.org](http://www.ccbcfamily.org) to read a full FAQ, get tickets for our next in-person worship service and find links for prayer requests, ways to serve and more.

**ARE YOU A PART OF THE CCBC FAMILY TEXT?** We're staying connected throughout the week with our family text! To join the group, just text "CCBCFamily" to 555-888.

**FOLLOW ALONG ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** If you're looking for a little extra cheer, make sure you're hanging out with us on Facebook and Instagram! Every week we host couch concerts with our worship leaders, we share sermon clips and encouraging updates from Cody, you can read the latest -ology articles and lots more. Join us on Facebook (search Christ Chapel Bible Church) or Instagram (@christchapel\_fw) today!