Sacrifice Bunt! 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

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Home Run Living Theme Verse:

1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Today's Passage:

<u>1 Peter 1:22</u>, Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, <u>love one another earnestly from a pure heart</u>, ²³since <u>you have been born again</u>, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the <u>living and abiding word of God</u>; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." <u>And this word is the good news that was preached to you</u>. **2:1,** So <u>put away all malice and all</u> deceit and hypocrisy and envy and <u>all</u> slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

What God's Grace Does....

- <u>TO US Justification & Regeneration</u> (vs. 23) (1 Peter 1:3)
- <u>IN US Sanctification</u> (vs. 22-25) (I Peter 1:13-15)
- THROUGH US Application (2:1-3)

Four Keys to Spiritual Growth:

- 1) You Must Put Some Things Away! (James 4:1-3)
- 2) You Must Long For Spiritual Milk! (I Corinthians 13:11)
- 3) You Must Grow Up Spiritually! (I Corinthians 3:1-4)
- 4) You Must Taste The Goodness of God! (Psalm 1)

Next Steps:

- 1) Get plugged into a Life Group@Church or Life Group@Home.
- 2) Follow our daily reading plan on Twitter or the blog:
- @JohnMarkCaton or johnmarkcaton.com
- 3) Make a commitment to be in every service and a Life Group for the next three weeks during Home Run Living.