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- The Christian Life –
 A Personal <u>Desire</u> for God's Word (vv. 1-3)
 - A. Personal growth centers on <u>craving</u> God's Word.

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- 1. Eliminating known Sin (v. 1)
- 2. Admitting a Need for God's Word (v. 2)
- The word "long" means to strongly desire or crave. It expresses an intense, recurring unquenchable desire or passion.

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It is notable what Peter did not command. He did not charge believers to read the Word, study the Word, meditate on the Word, teach the Word, preach the Word, search the Word or memorize the Word. All of those things are essential, and other passages do command believers to perform them. However, Peter focused on the more foundational element – which believers need before they will pursue any of the other things – a deep, continuous longing for the Word of Truth!

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3. Remembering past blessings from God as an incentive (v. 3)

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II. The Christian Life – Privilege In Christ (vv. 4-10)

What are the Privileges we enjoy?

A. The Privilege of Continual
Abiding (v. 4)

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The word "coming" conveys more than a mere drawing close to Christ for salvation. It also denotes a drawing near to Christ in intimate, abiding, personal fellowship. (Heb 4:16, 7:25, 10:25; 12:22)

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- B. The Privilege of Continual Union (v. 5a)
 - >When we come to faith in Christ we become "living stones" meaning we now share Christ's life. (John 17:21; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:15-16; 1 John 3:2)

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C. The Privilege of Continual Access to God (v. 5b)

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- D. The Privilege of offering Spiritual Sacrifices (v.5c)
- 1. <u>Yielding Our Bodies to</u>
 Righteousness (Rom 12:1-2)
- 2. Praise or Worship (Heb 13:15)
- 3. Good Works (Heb 13:16)
- 4. Possessions (Heb 13:16)

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- D. The Privilege of offering Spiritual Sacrifices (v.5c)
- 5. Converts (Rom 15:15-16)
- 6. Love (Ephesians 5:1-2)
- 7. Prayers (1 Peter 4:7; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6 1 Timothy 2:1)

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- E. The Privilege of Security (v. 6)
- F. The Privilege of <u>Affection</u> for Christ (vv. 7-8)
- G. The Privilege of <u>Election</u> by Christ (v. 9a)

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- H. The Privilege of <u>Dominion</u> with Christ (v. 9b)
- >There are two primary elements compose the image of the royal priesthood having access to His holy presence and ruling with the King in His kingdom.

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- I. The Privilege of <u>Separation</u> to Christ (v. 9c)
- J. The Privilege of Possession by Christ (v. 9d)
- K. The Privilege of <u>Illumination</u> in Christ (v. 9f)
- L. The Privilege of <u>Compassion</u> from Christ (v. 10)

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M. The Privilege of <u>Proclamation</u> of Christ (v. 9e)