

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 1:22-25

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 1:22-25

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:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

The Christian Life

1.) Love, loves to obey

vs. 22

:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

James 1:22-25, 27

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; **24** for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. **25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does., **27** Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

The Christian Life Loves to Obey

1a.) To obey is to know the truth

vs. 22a

:22a Since you have purified your souls
in obeying the truth

1b.) To obey is to be under His influence

vs. 22b

:22b through the Spirit
in sincere love of the brethren,

1c.) To obey is to be empowered by love

vs. 22c

:22c love one another
fervently with a pure heart,

The Example that the Father Displayed.

(The Bible has said it – now it was on display for all to see)

Exodus 20:1-5a

And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 “You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.”

The Example that the Son of God Displayed.

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Put others first at our own expense.

The Example that the Christian is to Display.

John 16:27-28

For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

“I will put the Kingdom in you.”

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah - - 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

John 17:20-24

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. :24 “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

“...with a pure heart”

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the (ka'tha'ros) **pure** in heart, for they shall see God.

This word demands that the Christian's new motive

in life is “toward others” or “for others” or “others first”

**It means that my new heart is void of
'self' or 'me' or 'mine' pursuits.**

Now this is telling in our day.

Matthew 24:12

Because lawlessness will abound,
the love of many will grow cold.

Luke 21:34-35

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with (in the name of “Im a Christian” these are being allowed) carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. **35** For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Isolationism and protectionism
are death nails to the Professed-Christian Life.

The Christian Life

2.) Love, loves to live

vs. 23-24

The Christian Life Loves Life

2a.) To live is to have a new life

vs. 23a

:23a having been born again,
not of corruptible seed but incorruptible,

Here are not only the bases, but the ability, the reality,
the power, and the existence.

“Having been born again.”
(the need for a second birth)

Our Original Sin is Evidence Against Us

An example of Rot from the old seed

James 4:1-2

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from **the evil desires at war within you?** **:2** You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

The Christian Life Loves Life

2b.) To live is to be of the Word

vs. 23b

:**23b** through the Word of God which
lives and abides forever,

:**22b** through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren,

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. :**3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

The Christian Life Loves Life

2c.) To live is to have an understanding

vs. 24

:**24** because “All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,

Peter’s quoting from Isaiah 40:6-8 from the 6th. Century B.C.

He writes to the **1st. Century Christian A.D.** – while the Holy Spirit wraps it all up and shouts it out to the **21st. century Christian** today!

Think about how temporary, how fleeting things are.

This Heat Wave – The Grass & Flowers

Matthew 6:25-30

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds

them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? **28** “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; **29** and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30** Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

There is an awesome account of this truth in action.

Paul was arrested and placed on a Roman Freighter bound for Rome. Only a few guards onboard knew who Paul was...

Acts 27:13-14a

When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete. **14a** But the weather changed...

and once the weather changed, a storm hit...

and God catapulted Paul to the forefront from the ship and put him in command.

The Christian Life Loves

3.) Love, loves to persevere

vs. 25

The Christian Life Loves To Persevere

3a.) We persevere because of His word

vs. 25a

:25a But the word of the Lord endures forever.”

Endures grk: meno; infinitude, continuance, lasting, never ending – abiding beyond the vanishing point.

And it's inside of you

To believe this – is to have confidence in God and what He has said.

Psalm 119:89

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled (established) in heaven.

The Christian Life Loves To Persevere

3b.) We persevere because of His Gospel

vs. 25b

:25b Now this is the word which
by the Gospel was preached

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3c.) We persevere because it is personal

vs. 25c

:25c the Gospel was preached.... **to you!**

The Christian Life on Display

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