

First Peter

1 Pet. 1:22-25

1 Pet. 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see *that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

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(1) Cleansing, 1:22a – “Seeing ye have purified your souls...”

Original Word: ἀγνίζω

Transliteration: hagnizó

Definition: I cleanse, purify, either ceremonially, actually, or morally.

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Jas. 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and **purify** *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

1Jn. 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth** himself, even as he is pure.

(2) Commitment, 1:22b – “...in obeying the truth through the Spirit...”

Original Word: ὑπακοή

Transliteration: hupakoé

Definition: obedience, submissiveness, compliance.

5218 *hypakoé* (from 191 /*akoúō*, "to hear" and 5259 /*hypó*, "beneath") – i.e. *obedience* – literally, "*submission* to what is *heard*" (*WS*, 695), i.e. obedience as the response to someone speaking. This refers both to an earthly voice and the Lord's voice (see 2 Cor. 10:5; 1 Pet 1:2, 14).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5218.htm>

Rom. 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for **obedience** to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Rom. 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the **obedience** of faith:

b. A new love expressed, 1:22c-e

(1) The integrity of that love, 1:22c-d

(a) Unfeigned, 1:22c – “...unto unfeigned love of the brethren...”

(b) Unfouled, 1:22d – “...*see that ye love one another with a pure heart...*”

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us; 9 And **put no difference** between us and them, **purifying their hearts by faith.**

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that **through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved**, even as they.

(2) The intensity of that love, 1:22e – “...*fervently:*”

1 Jn. 3:14 **We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.** He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

Original Word: ἔκτενῶς

Transliteration: ektenós

Definition: earnestly, strenuously, fervently.

Properly, fully-stretched, i.e. to its necessary (full) potential ("without slack"); *strenuously*, without undue let up (as "completely taut"). <http://biblehub.com/greek/1619.htm>

2. A new principle of life, 1:23-25

a. The power of God's Word, 1:23-25a

(1) The power of God's Word declared, 1:23

(a) The nature of the wonder we receive, 1:23a
– “Being born again, not of corruptible seed...”

(b) The nature of the Word we believe, 1:23b-c

i. It is incorruptible, 1:23b – “...but of
incorruptible...”

Original Word: ἄφθαρτος

Transliteration: aphthartos

Definition: indestructible, imperishable, **incorruptible**; hence:
immortal.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/862.htm>

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of
God.**

ii. It is invincible, 1:23c – “...by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

Jas. 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

Rom. 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

(2) The power of God's Word described, 1:24-25a

i. The impermanent nature of man's world, 1:24

1 Pet. 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

Isa. 40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: **but the word of our God shall stand for ever.**

Jas. 1:10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

Mt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

ii. The imperishable nature of God's Word, 1:25a –
“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever...”

- Mankind likes to enthrone himself as a god, making himself “a legend in his own mind.”
- We are insignificant like a flower that fades away into oblivion.
- The Word of God is preeminent over mankind!

b. The proclamation of God's Word, 1:25b –
“...And this is the word which by the gospel is
preached unto you.”

Isa. 55:11 So shall **my word** be that goeth forth out of my
mouth: it **shall not return unto me void, but it shall
accomplish that which I please**, and it shall prosper *in the
thing* whereto I sent it.

Conclusion

1 Pet. 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

Psa. 1:1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But **his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

3 And **he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.