

Will This Last Forever?

1 Peter 1:22-2:3 | June 14, 2020

Context: 1 Peter 1 describes how salvation through Christ makes a difference in our lives (hope, holiness, fear, love).

God's Word:

God's work in us is the foundation for His work through us—

How God's work in us produces love:

1. Salvation is the _____ for all Christian ethics (22-23a).
2. Salvation changes us eternally because its _____ is the eternal Word of God (23-25).
3. _____ is the catalyst for growth in our new spiritual life (2:1-3).

Application areas:

1. Salvation
2. Deep, sincere love to your brothers and sisters (alike and different)
3. Drinking in the Word of God like a hungry baby so God will grow you vs. just trying hard to do it on your own

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some truths about God that we learn from 1 Peter 1?
2. What is a practical way for you to express deep, sincere love to your brothers and sisters, including those who are different from you?
3. What tips would you give to a new Christian about why and how they can saturate themselves with the Word of God?



Family Toolkit:

Questions for Parents to use with their children:

1. What is the gospel

Answer: The word gospel means “good news.” It is the good news of Jesus the Savior and his kingdom. Jesus lived, died, and rose again to save us from the penalty and power of sin. The gospel entails believing in the perfect life that Jesus lived for us, his people. It also entails His substitutionary death in our place and for our sin. Finally, it includes his victory over death, hell, and the grave. Because of Jesus’ resurrection, God the Father sees and declares those who believe in Him, righteous in his sight. Also read 1 Peter 1:18-19, 21

2. What does Paul command his readers to do at the end of verse 22.

Answer: To love one another deeply from the heart.

3. What is the command “love one another deeply” rooted in? Or, where does it derive its motivation?

Answer: (v23) The Gospel. Verse 23 says, “For you have been **born again through the living and enduring word of God.**”

4. God works in people and then through people? What comes to your mind when you hear this? What might this mean in light of verses 22-23?

Answer: God purifies people through the gospel which ultimately leads them to loving others.

5. According to v24, how are people and their glory described? What happens to people and their glory? In contrast, what happens to the “word of the Lord?”

Answer: People are described as grass and flowers of the field. They wither away and die. God and his message endures forever.

6. How can you put this passage into practice this week as a family?