

Transformed to love

Genuine Christians have been born again in order to LOVE others 1 Peter 1:23-25

Introduction:

22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart

#1 God gave you a totally NEW LIFE 23

for you have been born again

1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments

John 3:3 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

1st Your new life is PERMANENT 23b

for you have been born again not of SEED which is perishable but imperishable

2nd Your new life is GUARANTEED in Divine writing 23c

through the living and enduring word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

#2 God answered your desperate NEED through the gospel 24-25a

1st Your current life is TEMPORARY and frail 24

*24 For, "All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, And the flower falls off,*

2nd But your new life through the gospel is ETERNAL 25a

But the word of the Lord endures forever."

#3 God proclaimed the only GOSPEL to you 25b

And this is the word which was preached to you.

One - It is the WORD OF GOD that God uses to change lives

Two - God has met all your greatest needs, look to Him FIRST

Three - Only by remembering the GOSPEL will you love properly

To know His love, turn to Christ, then depend on His Spirit

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