

Metro Women's Bible Studies

1 Peter 1:22-25

Lesson 4

God's forgiveness frees the believer to take her eyes off of herself and to meet the needs of others through *sincere love*. Peter then reminds us that everything in this life – possessions, accomplishments, and people – will eventually fade away and disappear. Only God's Word *endures forever*. May you be challenged to take your eyes off of the temporary and set them on the eternal things of our Lord.

DAY ONE: Read 1 Peter 1:22-25

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1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase if you desire.
2. 1 Peter 1:22-25 is one section/paragraph. List below the **subject(s)** covered in this section.
3. How would you title this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** using your Observation Worksheet.

Title:

4. From Lesson 1 you have recorded the Key Words on your **KEY WORD** and **SYMBOL CHART**, and marked them on your **OBSERVATION WORKSHEET**. This week you will add **NEW TO THIS LESSON** key words on your **CHART** and your **OBSERVATION WORKSHEET** each time they are used in 1 Peter 1:22-25.

****Key Words:** *Jesus, Spirit, faith, believing, grace, and salvation, God, suffering, trials, love, elect, precious, hope, incorruptible, glory/glories, the phrase according to, and any phrase referring to Jesus' future revelation, rejoice/joy, holy*

New to this lesson: *forever*

5. Note the contrasting term, **but**, in verses 23 and 25. Contrast life in the *flesh* with the *Word of God* and what it produces.

DAY TWO: Read 1 Peter 1:22

Today we will look at the seventh exhortation in 1 Peter Chapter 1; ***“Fervently love one another with a pure heart.”***

1. In Lesson 3, we learned that believers are called to walk in **hope** and **holiness**. We find another instruction in verse 22. Please write it out.

a. Fill in the blanks which describe the **way** we are to love. *“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in _____ love of the brethren, love one another _____ with a _____ heart”.*

b. Using a dictionary list some synonyms for: **sincere: fervent: pure:**

c. Look up the words above in your Concordance and write out the Greek word and the English definitions.

Sincere (unfeigned)-

Fervent-

Pure-

Challenge: Write out this verse using the English definitions from your Concordance.

2. How/why are we to fervently love one another from a pure heart?

3. Look up both uses of the word **“love”** as used in 1 Peter 1:22 in your Concordance and write out the Greek word and the English definitions.

Love of the brethren-

Love one another-

4. Scan 1 John 4:7-21, marking each time the word **love** is used.

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also”.

5. List at least 8 statements John makes about **love**.

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6. John 13:35 says, **“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”** In what ways is “loving one another” evidence of **discipleship**?

a. The night before Jesus died He left His disciples with important commandments about love. Write out what they were from John 15:12-13?

John 15:12-13

7. List some practical ways that you can fervently love one another. Remember, love is an active verb. It is more than just words!

DAY THREE: Read 1 Peter 1:23

1. Twice Peter uses the term “**born again**” in his epistle. Write out the Greek word and the English definition from your Concordance.

1 Peter 1:23 “born again”

2. All believers are **born again**. Record what 1 Peter 1:23 teaches us about being **born again**.

3. The apostle John writes the most about what it means to be born again. Your assignment is to study the passages listed below and either write out the key phrases or summarize in your own words what it means to be born again.

John 3:1-21

1 John 2:29

1 John 3:9-10

1 John 4:7

1 John 5:1-5

1 John 5:18

a. According to what you have learned about being born again, how do you know that you are born again?

4. 1 Peter 1:23 says that we have been **born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God**. What does verse 23 reveal about the **word of God**?

Warren Wiersbe writes, “Peter likes this phrase “born again”; he uses it in 1:3 and 1:23. We are born again through God’s mercy unto a living hope, and we are born again by the Word of God unto love for the people of God. He compares the Word to seed, as Jesus does in the Parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23). Like a seed, the Word is small and seemingly insignificant, but it has life and power within. The Word must be planted to do any good; but when it is planted in the heart, it produces fruit. God’s Word is eternal, and the fruit it produces is eternal; but the things of the flesh do not last”.

a. Further your understanding of the **word of God** by looking at the following passages. Underline the phrases that describe what the word of God **does**, and what the word **is**.

Luke 8:11-12 ¹¹“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Hebrews 4:12. ¹²“For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

5. Look up the following words in your Concordance and write out the Greek word and the English definition of each one.

a. **seed**- 1 Peter 1:23

b. **word**-1 Peter 1:23

c. **word**-1 Peter 1:25 (both uses)

John Piper writes that...

“Peter defines the imperishable seed as “the living and abiding word of God.” It is not only imperishable, it is living and abiding. That is, it lasts. It will not fail you. If this seed—this Word—has brought you into being by the new birth, you will stay in being.”

DAYS FOUR AND FIVE: Read 1 Peter 1:24-25

1. Today we will see a revealing contrast between the **glory of man** and the **word of the Lord**. Observe this by recording what 1 Peter 1:24-25 declares about: **the glory of man & the word of the Lord**.

2. From the definitions below what do you learn about the **glory of man**?

All flesh (4561) is a comprehensive term referring to all of humanity (Mt 24:22) or including both the human and animal creation (Ge 6:13).

Grass (5528) (**chortos**) refers to a feeding place for grazing animals and by metonymy as used here by Peter **chortos** refers to what grows there (grass, hay).

Withers (3583) (**xeraino**) literally dries out or becomes parched.

Flower (438) (**anthos**) refers to a blossom, and figuratively is a picture of that which does not last. Physical beauty is as short-lived as the flowers of the field, as even the glamorous stars in Hollywood are eventually forced to acknowledge!

Falls off (1601) (**ekpipto** from **ek** = out, from + **pipto** = fall) literally is to fall from some point, here picturing withering blossoms falling to the ground, which in turn pictures the idea of perishing forever.

3. With today's study in mind, share one or two practical ways we could spend less time on the **glory of man** and more time in the **word of the LORD**.

4. After noting the temporal existence **of the glory of man** from the above definitions, we now see in 1 Peter 1:25 the contrast of **the word of God that endures forever**. Look up the following Scriptures and write what they say about the *Word*.

Psalm 119:89

Psalm 119:103

Psalm 119:130

Jeremiah 15:16

Matthew 4:4

5. According to 1 Peter 1:25b, what is this ***word that endures forever?***

a. According to John 5:24, what happens to a person upon their acceptance of ***the gospel?***

b. Use a few phrases to describe what happened to you when you accepted ***the gospel*** that was ***preached to you.***

DAY SIX: Review 1 Peter 1:22-25

1. Go through and record on your Worksheets entitled “**Truths About God, the Truths About Jesus, Truths About the Holy Spirit, Truths About the Believer, and Instructions.**”

2. Review and discuss what you have learned from your worksheets from question 1.

3. In what ways have you been challenged or encouraged by this week’s study?

The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. "The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." - Isaiah 40:5-8