

1 Peter 1:22-25

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

Read 1 Peter 1:22-25

1. 1 Peter 1:22-25 is one section/paragraph. List below the subject(s) covered in this section. Also, give the section your own title.

2. In earlier verses of 1 Peter 1, believers are called to walk in *hope* and *holiness*. We find another instruction in verse 22. What is it?

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.

1.) List some synonyms for:

sincere:

fervent:

pure:

3. *By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:35). How is loving one another evidence of being Christ's disciples?*

4. All believers are *born again*. Record what 1 Peter 1:23 teaches us about being *born again*.
 - a. Use a few phrases to describe what happened to you when you accepted *the gospel* that *was preached to you*.

5. 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*?
 - a. Further your description of the *word of God* using Hebrews 4:12.

 - b. In your own words, describe the *word of God*.

6. Using 1 John 3:9, record the power of God's *incorruptible seed*. Note: the phrases *does not sin* and *cannot sin* are in the present tense, speaking of a continuance in a lifestyle of sin, not specific acts of sin.

7. Let us consider the 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
 - a. What lesson is there in this for us today?

8. *The word of the LORD endures forever* (1 Peter 1:25a). 2 Corinthians 1:20 reminds us, *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.* What are some of your favorite *promises of God*?

9. 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*.

10. *The glory of man is as the flower of the grass.* What are some of the chief *glories* (attainments, attributes) of man?

a. What does it say to you that these are *as the flower of the grass*?

11. What is the main thing you learned about from this lesson?

12. What is the main question you have that you will bring to your group the next time we meet?

*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-*

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²²Since 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, ²³having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴because "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, ²⁵But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.