

Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"
"Divine Love"
1 Peter 1:22-25
Study-6

1 Peter 1:22-25 – in these closing verses, Peter continues with his description of the life that should result from salvation, the **obedience of love!**

1 Peter 1:14

We Are Aliens In A Foreign World – 1 Peter 1:17.

1 Peter 1:20-21

We share a common faith and common interests and should dwell together, 1 John 4:20-21.

Thought Of The Passage: Our Faith And Obedience To God Is Not Only Essential To Salvation But Also Essential To Unity.

1. Verse 22 – Affection Versus Love

2. Verse 23 – Physical Versus Spiritual

3. Verses 24-25 – Mortal Versus Eternal

1. Verse 22 – Affection Versus Love:

1 Peter 1:22 – "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls" – Context: Peter has been describing the life that should result from salvation, Now The Obedience Of Love! 1 Peter 1:21

Obedience Is Faith In The Truth: "Since you have in obedience to the truth" – Obedience is a synonym for faith! True faith acts, it entrusts!

"Since you have in obedience to the truth" – Spiritual Life: 1 Peter 1:23.

1 Peter 1:2 – "to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:"

Inner Purification/Purity Of Soul: "purified your souls" – denotes "having purified" a specific past experience that has a present result, John 13:10.

John 15:3

Ezekiel foretold of this cleansing and a new heart: Ezekiel 36:25-26.

God purified our souls and poured His love into our hearts, Romans 5:5.

John 5:42; 1 John 2:9; 2 John 1:6

It involves the will of the person. We must act in faith in order to be cleansed. It is not our faith that accomplishes it but obedience which enables the Spirit to purify us! Psalm 119:9

Acts 15:9 – “cleansing their hearts by faith.”

“for a sincere love of the brethren,” – Fruit of Our purification (Should) be manifested in love for others.

Genuine Love: “sincere love” – the word “sincere” – “genuine, without hypocrisy, without mixture, without wax,” Romans 12:9.

Psalm 55:21; 2 Timothy 2:22

“a sincere love of the brethren,” – Love for the brethren is an evidence that we truly have been born of God, 1 John 4:7-12, 16-21.

Now we are “obedient children,” 1 Peter 1:14, who no longer want to live in the selfish desires of the old life.

Peter Commends Them For Their Love: “sincere love of the brethren,” – Peter used two different words for love: Phileo – Human love, affection, brotherly love, human love, friendship; We get the word “Philadelphia,” the city of brotherly love.

“love of the brethren,” – We Are Children Of One Father, Members Of The One Family.

Isaiah 53:5

Peter Commands Them To Love: “fervently love one another from the heart,” – Greek word “agape” – “divine love, spiritual plane – seeking the highest good of the object that is love. Experienced only by believers. Not based on performance, or true worth, but a love that is a deliberate choice. Not an emotion – it is motion – It is an on-going commitment not dependent upon treatment received – or reaction of others.”

How Are Christians To Love?: “fervently love” – term “fervently” is an athletic term, means “to stretch to the fullest limit of a muscle’s capacity, striving with all of one’s energy, at full intensity.”

1 Peter 4:8

“one another” – this love is to be mutual love.

John 13:34-35

This love is not merely external, legalistic, it is from the heart: "from the heart" –true inner being, the real you.

Romans 5:8

2. Verse 23 – Physical Versus Spiritual:

1 Peter 1:23

The Reason Christians Should Love: "for you have been born again" – Loving is consistent with the new birth, new nature, it is what a child of God does, 1 John 4:19.

The Spirit Of God – the "fruit of the Spirit," Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:18.

The Word Of God – The Word purifies us, cleanses us, regenerates us, presents us blameless and faultless before His presence! Colossians 3:16

Ephesians 5:26

"not of seed" – represents "the source of life" which is perishable. Our first birth was a birth of "flesh," and the flesh is corruptible.

Every creature that is physically born is mortal and will die!

Colossians 3:14

"but imperishable," – Each believer has the same Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9), same Father (1 Peter 1:17), and share His divine nature. We trust the same Word; We have trusted the same Gospel and have been born of the same Spirit.

Believers Take Instruction From The Same Source: "that is, through the living and enduring word of God." – James 1:18.

John 17:17 – "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

3. Verses 24-25 – Mortal Versus Eternal:

1 Peter 1:24

Quoting from the OT reveals The Truth of the OT is the Truth of the NT.

Paul, in 1 Timothy 5:18, puts Deuteronomy 24:15 and Luke 10:7 as the same level of Scripture. Luke was not an apostle but Paul put his words as Scripture, 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Isaiah 40:6-8

"For, 'ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,'" – Note the lesson about grass – "THE GRASS WITHERS,"

"AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS." – Note the lesson about flower – "AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,"

1 Peter 1:25 – "BUT" – The contrast of Temporal versus the Eternal. The grass that withers, flowers that falls off – "THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER."

Psalms 119:89; Matthew 24:35

Evangelization That Leads To Regeneration: "And this is the word" – "Gospel" – "which was preached" – to Evangelize – "to you." – 1 Peter 1:22.

Application:

1. We Must Act In Faith In Order To Be Cleansed (Born Again). It Is Not Our Faith That Accomplishes It But Obedience Which Enables The Spirit To Purify Us.
2. The Reason Christians Should Love Is Because We Have A New Nature; The Nature Through The Spirit Of God And The Word Of God.
3. Every Creature That Is Physically Born Is Mortal And Will Die. The Eternal Word Of God, If Believed, Will Result In Life Eternal.