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Based on the Word of God**

# 1 PETER

LIVING FOR THE  
LORD IN BAD TIMES





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## 1PETER 1:22-25

- **THE CONTEXT:** The basic theme of 1 Peter is the proper response of a believer in Christ in times of suffering and difficulties.
- **THE PARADOX:** All of us will face various kinds of difficulties and problems in life, however, the problem is NOT the difficulties we face BUT how we respond to difficult situations.
- **THE PRINCIPLE:** The believer in Christ has the anticipation of a eternal inheritance that gives strength, encouragement and hope even in the most difficult times. In light of this, God wants the believer to be holy in all his conduct.

- **THE PRACTICALITY:** To be holy in all conduct **includes** the believer **loving one another** fervently with a pure heart.
  - God is holy, righteous, just, and good in His character, ways, speech and actions, e.g., God is NOT an evil god but a good God.
  - God did not save us to live in sin; He saved us from the consequences of sin—He wants us to live holy because He is holy and we are holy because of what He has done for us.
  - God is also a loving God. He did not save us to live in hatred but to live in love for one another.
  - From 1Peter 1:22-25 we will look at two key truths that should motivate us to love one another fervently with a pure heart.

# TRUTH #1: BELIEVERS HAVE PURIFIED THEIR SOULS (1Peter 1:22)



- **The Believer Himself Purified His Own Soul**
  - This does not mean that the believer "saved" himself!!
  - Christ **purified** us through His redemptive work (cf., Titus 2:14; Heb.9:14)
  - This means that the believer is living a clean life--a life in harmony with the salvation he has in Christ (e.g., remember: the Lord did not save us to live in sin).





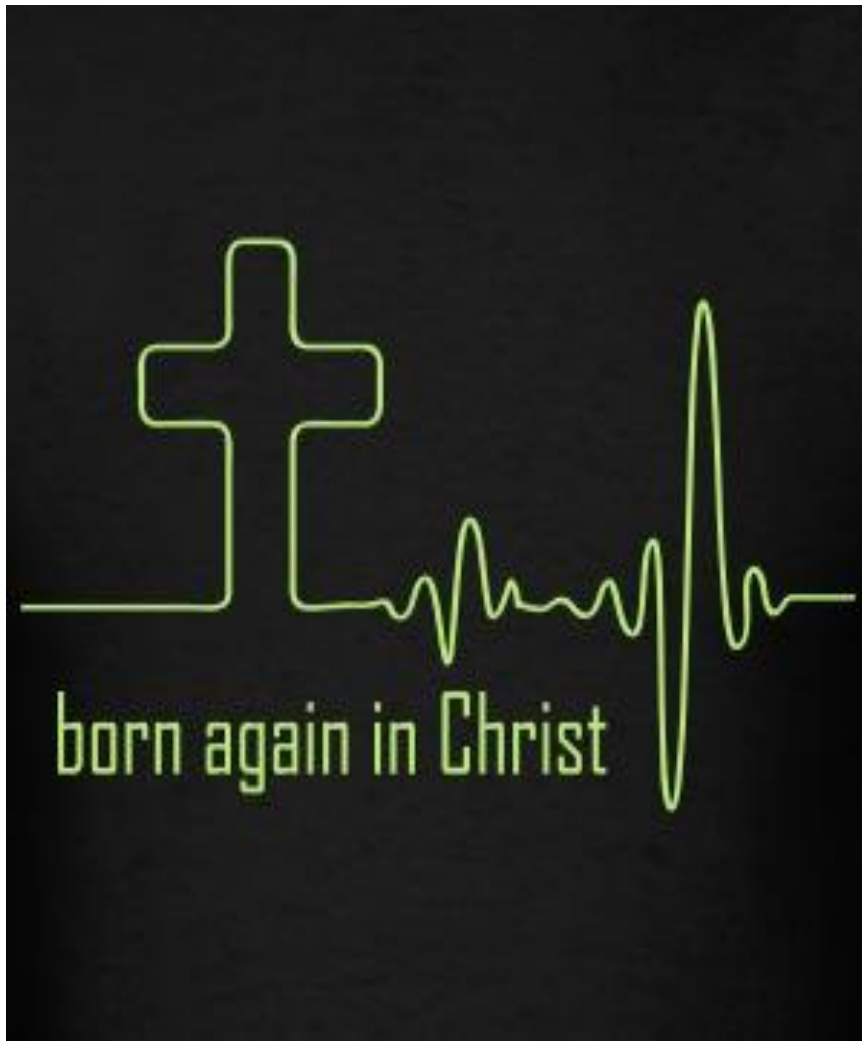
- **The Believer Purified His Own Soul by Obeying the Truth**
  - He **heard** the gospel message.
  - He **responded** to the gospel message.
- **The Believer Purified His Own Soul by Obeying the Truth Through the Spirit.**
  - The Spirit **convicted** him of sin, righteousness and judgment through the gospel message.
  - The Spirit **drew** him to faith in Christ through the gospel message
  - The Spirit indwelt, baptized, anointed, and sealed him upon **faith** in the gospel message.
- **The Believer Purified His Own Soul by Obeying the Truth Through the Spirit in Sincere Love of the Brethren.**

- The **purpose** of obeying the truth through the Spirit is non-hypocritical love for the brethren.
  - All believers are members of the family of God and are to have mutual love for one another just as if we are physical family members by birth).
  - The love that believers have for one another must be fervent (i.e., based on a willing choice and resolve) and from a pure heart (i.e., real and sincere, not artificial, and without pretense).
- Believers have been taught and exhorted over and over again to love one another (e.g., the **repetitiveness** of the command proves that God sees it as very important!).
- **Point:** The love that believers have for one another is an outward manifestation of their faith in the grace of God through Jesus Christ.



- **John 13:34-35:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. [35] By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.
- **John 15:12:** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- **1John 3:23:** And this is His commandment: that we should **believe** on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, as He gave us commandment.
- **1John 4:7:** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

# TRUTH #2: BELIEVERS HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN (1Peter 1:23-25)



- To be “Born Again” Means that One has Received Eternal Life.
  - When one is born physically, one is brought forth into physical, earthly life--which ends ultimately in physical death.
  - When one is “born again,” one is brought forth into a new life in Christ--which never ends because it is eternal life (e.g., apart from this new life in Christ, one is dead in trespasses and sins)



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- When one is “born again” through faith in Christ, one becomes a new creation in Christ (cf., 2Cor.5:17)
  - One becomes a member of the family of God
  - One becomes a member of the body of Christ
  - One becomes a citizen of heaven



- **Negatively: Believers have NOT been Born Again of Corruptible Seed.**
  - **Note:** A seed germinates to produce a new plant (which in turn produces a lot more seeds).
  - **Note:** Corruptible seed refers to anything that one might personally do to cause his “birth” (e.g., one does NOT cause his own birth, either physically or spiritually)





- **Legalism** is corruptible seed--an attempt to be born again by obeying a set of rules and regulations.
- **Ritualism** is corruptible seed--an attempt to be born again by performing a prescribed religious ceremony or ceremonial act or acts.
- **Philanthropy** is corruptible seed--an attempt to be born again by acts of compassion, kindness, goodwill, and giving.
- **Religious association** is corruptible seed--an attempt to be born again by association with a religious organization, institution, or church which is believed to be the “true church.”
- **Emotional experience** is corruptible seed--an attempt to be born again through a personal experience of ecstasy, inner peace, or spiritual illumination.



- **Positively: Believer were Born Again of Incorruptible Seed.**
  - The incorruptible seed is the **Word of God**-- the believer is trusting what God has said, without proof from man's investigations.
  - The Word of God **lives** and **abides** forever



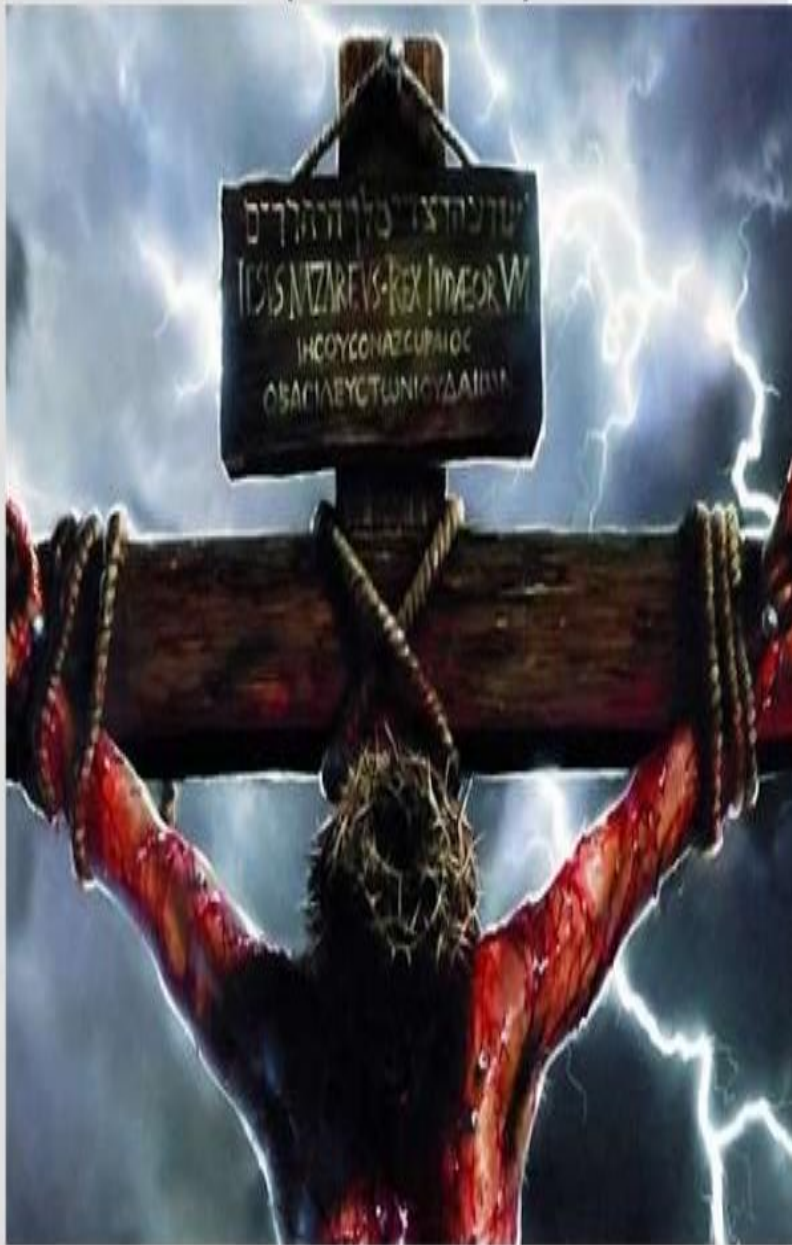
All flesh is  
like grass  
and all its glory  
like the flower  
of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower  
falls,  
but the word  
of the Lord  
remains  
forever.  
1 Peter 1:24-25

- Although it has been **attacked** by men, it still exist
- Although it has been **rejected** by men, it still exist
- Although it has been **questioned** by men, it still exist
- Although it has been **challenged** by men, it still exist
- Although it has been **ignored** by men, it still exist
- Although it has been **disobeyed** by men, it still exist

**FALSE  
GOSPELS  
CREATE  
FALSE  
CONVERTS**

- This is the Word of God, which by the gospel was preached to the believer, e.g., the gospel message is NOT the word of men but the Word of God!.





- **THE POINT:** The fact that believers has been redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ motivates them to love one another fervently with a pure heart. How can they do any less!?

# A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

- What motivation do you have to love one another fervently with a pure heart?



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR  
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.