



"Responding to the Word of Grace" (Part 4)

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1 Peter 1:25b-2:1



22 Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love each other from a pure heart.

23 You have been born again not out of perishable seed, but imperishable: through the living and enduring Word of God. **24**

FOR ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS AND ALL OF HER GLORY IS LIKE A FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS AND THE FLOWER FADES, **25** BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD REMAINS FOREVER. And this is the Word which was preached to you.

2:1 Therefore, putting aside all wickedness, and all deceitfulness, and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, **2** Like newborn babies, long for the pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow with respect to salvation – **3** if indeed you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

– 1 Peter 1:22-2:3, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

"Responding to the Word of Grace Will Bring God's Blessing in Your Spiritual Race."

I. Rightly Responding to the Word of Grace (1:22 - 2:3)

A. Rekindle Your Love for the Brethren (22) "What is the Measure of my Love?"

B. Remember Your Response to the Word (23-25) "What is my Perspective on Scripture?"

1. Remember the Word that Saved You (23a)

2. Remember the Nature of that Word that Saved You (23b-25a)

a. Verses 24-25 - a quote from Isaiah 40:6-8 (partly from the Hebrew OT and partly from the Greek Septuagint)

3. Remember the Preaching of the Word that Saved You (25b)

a. This speaks to the _____ of preaching in the church

(1) Historic, biblical, expository preaching should be:

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

C. Resist Your Sinful Temptations (2:1) "What am I putting _____?"

1. The Greek verb *apotithēmi* (ἀποτίθημι) was literally used of taking off _____

2. What things are we to "take off" or "remove?"

a. "All Malice" = *kakia* (κακία) - a general word used for all sorts of evil behavior

b. "All Deceitfulness" = *dolos* (δόλος) was used in hunting ("To trap with bait")

c. "Hypocrisies" = *hypocrisis* (ὑπόκρισις)

d. "Envy" (cf. 1 Cor. 3:3; Matt. 27:18; Exo. 20:17)

e. "All Slander" = *katalalia* (καταλαλιάς)

D. Renew Your Spiritual Hunger (2:2) "What _____ is in my Mouth?"

Conclusion