

## **“The Living and Abiding Word of God”**

I Peter 1:23-2:3

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“For you have been born again, not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, the living and abiding word of God.” Think of it! Your birth in Christ cannot and will not perish or fade away.

1. A. “The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.” The Bible is packed with truth. I Peter is a short little letter with an amazing amount of truth. Before turning to I Peter, read Psalm 19 and prayerfully consider verses 7-14.  
  
B. Can you sum up what you found in Psalm 19?  
Ecclesiastes 12:12-13, John 8:31-32, 14:15, 17:17
  
2. A. Now, turn to I Peter and read verses 1:23-2:3. What does it say, or more specifically, what truth do you find there?  
  
B. Who and what are you born of?  
John 1:12-13, 3:3-8, I Peter 1:23
  
- C. Verse 23 is the middle of a sentence, so read I Peter 1:22-23. What are we told to do and why?  
John 13:34, 15:12-17, I John 4:19-21

3. A. Look back through chapter one. Who are you and who caused you to be who you are?  
I Peter 1:1-3, 17-21
  
  - B. How did you come to be who you are?  
Acts 16:31, I Peter 1:23
  
  - C. Read on in I Peter 1:24-25 and enjoy how sure your birth in Christ is!  
Matthew 24:35
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4. A. “Therefore”; what is it therefore?  
I Peter 2:1-3
  
  - B. Put off and put on; it is a principle repeated in the scripture. Describe I Peter 2:1-3 as a “put off, put on.”
  
  - C. Look at the “like” in I Peter 2:2; who are we to be like? Why? What are you longing for?  
Psalm 12:6, 119:18, 20, 40, 97, 174