

The Living and Abiding Word of God, Part 3

I Peter 1:22-2:3

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Summary: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to give us the life of God. There are no teachings, dreams or programs of man that can substitute for this. We therefore must worship Him for His Word. As eternal life begins in us only by the Word of God, so we continue accordingly. People develop a taste for what they are exposed to. Do you “long for the pure milk of the Word” as a way of life, having “tasted the kindness of the Lord?”

1. A. What is the one and only source for becoming born again?
I Thessalonians 2:13, I Peter 1:3-5, 1:23-25
- B. For what purpose does God cause us to be born again, and in what fashion does **that purpose** demand the work of God, rather than the efforts or programs of man?
I Peter 1:14-19, Jeremiah 13:23, Matthew 15:7-9, II Corinthians 5:15-21, Hebrews 4:12, Titus 3:3-11
- C. It is alarming how many church leaders no longer depend on the living Word of God in their gospel message to grow their churches. However, it is the Word of God, **the power of the Word of God alone**, which performs its transforming work, not the methods of man. Are you depending on the Word of God alone for eternal life?
Matthew 7:21-29, Luke 11:27-28, John 6:63, 14:23
2. A. What does this living and abiding Word of God produce within us, and compel within our hearts, as we become established in it?
Psalm 119:38
- B. What is reverence for God?
I Chronicles 29:10-13, Job 1:1, Proverbs 3:5-7, Revelation 1:12-18
- C. For us to see Jesus, we have no idea how we will be smitten with astonishment. And yet, do we not see Him all through the Holy Scriptures? Should we not worship Him for His Mighty Word?
Acts 2:41-43
3. A. What does Colossians 2:6-7 say regarding the way we begin our salvation and the way that we continue?
Ephesians 2:8-10
- B. So the way we “received Christ Jesus THE LORD” is also the same way that we “walk in Him,” which is by grace through faith. Explain how this is related to the command in our main text to “long for the pure milk of the Word.”
Psalm 1:1-6, 119:130, John 15:4-11, Romans 15:4-6
- C. Have you “tasted the kindness of the Lord?” People tend to develop a taste for what they are exposed to. It is the same way for us regarding the Scriptures. How developed is your taste for the Word of God?
Psalm 119:103, Ezekiel 3:3