

The Living Word
1 Peter 1:22-2:3

In a _____, God's Word _____ us and
_____ us through...

- A new _____.
So, _____.

- A new _____.
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- A new _____.
 - So _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Begin by reading 1 Peter 1:22-2:3.

2. If you are a Christian, what were the circumstances surrounding your being "born again"?

3. If the Christian life isn't just adherence to rules or joining an organization but a new birth, how should that inform our attitude toward non-Christians?

4. Read 1 Peter 1:22 and 1 Peter 2:1 again.
 - a. Have you ever experienced deep and sincere love in the church?

 - b. Why is loving others deeply sometimes so uncomfortable? What ways might God be calling you to go beyond what is comfortable in order to love others?

 - c. Can you think of any examples of how malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander have been at work in your heart? Ask God to free you from these things.

5. Chris said that God's life and power comes to us through His Word. Are you in a position to receive God's life and power? What steps can you take to move toward "craving" God's Word like an infant craves milk? Make a plan, tell a friend, and ask him/her to hold you accountable to it.