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[WEEK FOUR]

# THE RENEWING POWER OF GOD'S WORD

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# 1 Peter 1:22–2:3 (CSB)

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“All flesh is like grass,

and all its glory like a flower of the grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this word is the gospel that was proclaimed to you.



# 1 Peter 1:22–2:3 (CSB)

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander.<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up into your salvation,<sup>3</sup> if you have tasted that the Lord is good.

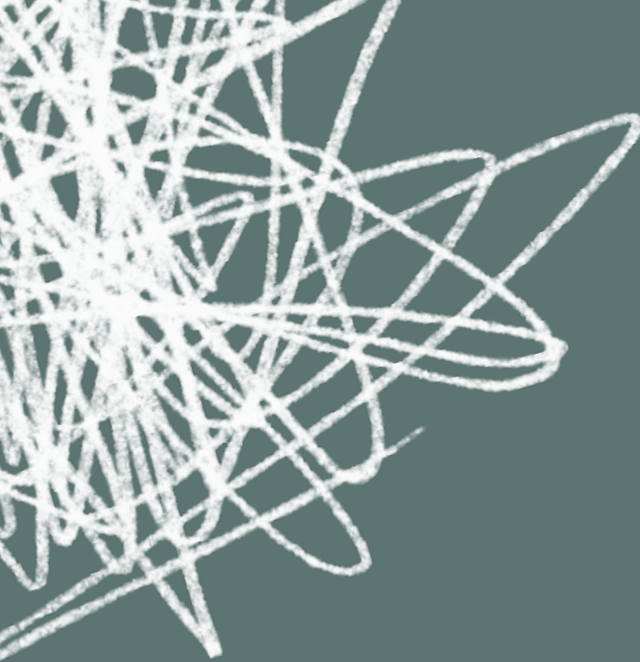


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Over a hundred years ago in the Deep South, a phrase so common in our Christian culture today, born again, was seldom or never used. Rather, the phrase used to describe the breakthrough into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ was, “I was seized by the power of a great affection.” These words describe both the initiative of God and the explosion within the heart when Jesus...becomes real, alive, and Lord of one’s life.

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# The Life-Giving Word of God

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



# The Lasting Word of God

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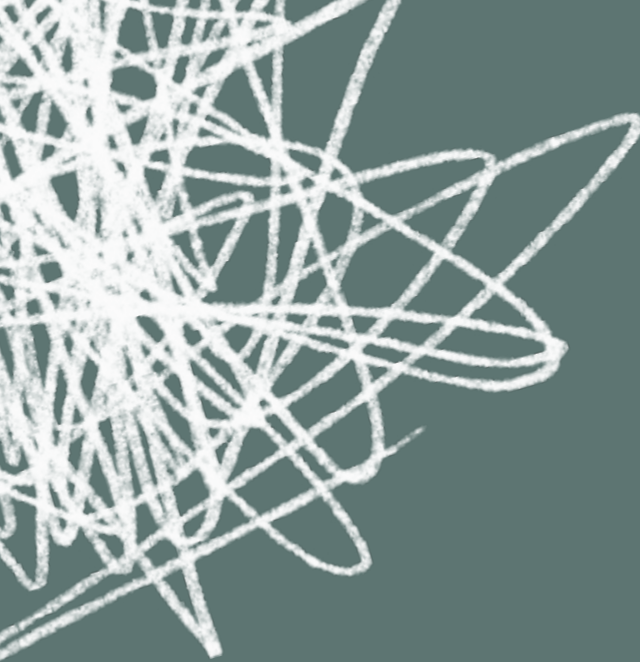
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**1 Peter 1:24-25 CSB**







Such is time: everything passes, it alone remains;  
everything remains, it alone passes. And how swiftly and  
noiselessly it passes. Only yesterday you were sure of  
yourself, strong and cheerful, a son of the time. But now  
another time has come—and you don't even know it.

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# The Maturing Word of God

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**1 Peter 2:1–3 CSB**



# The Maturing Word of God

<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

**Ephesians 4:14 ESV**



# The Maturing Word of God

<sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

**John 6:67-69 ESV**

