

# The Church's Life

1 Peter 2:17-2:3

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<sup>17</sup> If you appeal to the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during your time living as strangers. <sup>18</sup> For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was revealed in these last times for you. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

(1 Peter 1:17-21, CSB)



<sup>22</sup> Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth, so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure heart love one another constantly, <sup>23</sup> because you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>[a]</sup> so that you may grow up into your salvation, <sup>3</sup> if you have tasted that the Lord is good (Ps. 34:8).

(1 Pet. 1:22-2:3, CSB)

# Live in Reverent Fear (1:17-21)

Twisting the Christian faith: (1) My works = my salvation.

Twisting the Christian faith: (2) Christ's work = no work for me.

Twisting the Christian faith: (3) I'm good because I go to Church.

All of life, all for Jesus

**Church/Church Leadership  
Church Work**

**Family / Business / Commerce**

**Art / Music / Education**

**Journalism / Politics**

**Technology / Leadership**

**Emotion / Psychology**

**Sport / Leisure**

**Science / Humanities / Research**

**WISDOM'S**

**VOICE**

**FOLLY'S**

**VOICE**



# Live with Love (1:22-2:1)

- The flow of love (v. 22-23)
- The duration of love (v. 22)
- The Ground of Love (v. 23)
- “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Rom. 13:10).

# Live with Hunger for the Lord and His Word (2:2-3)

We NEED to Grow

We all have ROOM to Grow

Taste and See the Lord is Good...

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