

THE WORK OF GOD'S ENDURING WORD:

A Heart That Fervently Loves

1 Peter 1:22-25

Introduction:

1. You have been chosen for salvation (1:1-2)

- According to the foreknowledge of God the Father
- By the sanctifying work of the Spirit
- To obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood

2. You can rejoice over your salvation and its benefits in spite of current trials (1:3-9)

- You can rejoice knowing that God has mercifully caused you to be born again
 - *to a living hope
 - *to obtain an inheritance
 - *protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time
- You can rejoice knowing that you are obtaining the precious proof of your faith

3. You should remember that your salvation was first prophesied and then preached to you (1:10-12)

4. You have been changed in your relationship toward God as a result of your salvation (1:13-21)

- You are to have a fixed hope
 - *Prepare your minds for action
 - *Keep sober in spirit
- You are to be holy in all your behavior
- You are to conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth

5. You have been changed in your relationship to fellow believers as a result of salvation (1:22-25)

-You have been purified by the Word, enabling a sincere love of the brethren (v.22a)

*What is this purification?

*Who purifies you? (Acts 15:8-9)

*What is our part in this?

*What is our obedience to? (1 Peter 1:18-21)

*What is the result?(Titus 3:3; 1 Thess 4:9)

-You have been commanded to fervently love one another from the heart (v. 22b)

*Fervently...(Luke 22:44)

*Love...(1 John 4:10)

*One another...

4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins

4:9 Be hospitable to one another

4:10 Employ your special gift in serving one another

5:5 Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another

5:14 Greet (receive joyfully, welcome) one another with a kiss of love.

*From the heart...

-You have been born again by the Word (v.23-25)

*The word is an imperishable seed

*The word is living (1 Thess 2:13; Col 1:5-6)

*The word is enduring

*The word contrasted to human life (Js 1:10-11; Js 4:14, 2 Cor 4:16)

*The word was preached to you

APPLICATION:

FERVENTLY LOVE ONE ANOTHER BY SPEAKING THE WORD TO OTHERS:

Rom 15:14 And concerning you my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

Eph 4:25 Speak truth each one with his neighbor for we are members of one another

Eph 5:18-19 Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

1 Thess 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words (the previous words of Scripture)

RESOURCE BOOKS:

The MacArthur Daily Bible, with notes from John MacArthur

The Daring Mission of William Tyndale by Steven J. Lawson

Women of the Word by Jen Wilkin

Word Filled Women's Ministry by Gloria Furman and Kathleen B. Nielson

His Word in My Heart by Janet Pope

Praying the Bible by Don Whitney (*see also the Five Psalms App)

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Don Whitney

Big Truths for Young Hearts by Bruce A. Ware

How to Study Your Bible by K. Arthur, D. Arthur, and P. DeLacy

Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days by Kay Arthur

Self Confrontation, Manual for In-Depth Discipleship by John C. Broger

The Moody Handbook of Theology by Paul Enns