

20220918 INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Crave pure spiritual milk series Part 1

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

1 Peter 1:

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

²⁴ For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 2:

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

² Like newborn babies, **crave pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION: GOD GIVING US THE ETERNAL LIFE

On Eternal Life

John 12:24

²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT NEW LIFE

1. It begins from _____ !

²⁴ ...a kernel of wheat falls to the ground...

2. It has to _____ to work.

²⁴ ...Unless...it dies, it remains only a single seed.

The potential of the seed that we have in Christ (God's DNA in our spirit)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails...

What it means to die to work: Deny self, take up our cross daily, and follow Christ

Luke 9:23

²³ Then he (Jesus) said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.**

John 12:25-26

²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

3. It will produce _____ seeds.

²⁴ ...it produces many seeds.

These three things about the new life!

- It begins with one seed.
- It must die to work.
- And it will produce many seeds.

A very important question for the proper function of new life in us: How can we be tapped into making this new life work properly?

Peter said: **It's the Word of God that makes the difference.**

1 Peter 1:22

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THE FUNCTIONS AND ROLES OF GOD'S WORD FOR US

1. It _____ us.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth

Philippians 3:7-8

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.

⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ

2. The initial result of sanctification is the _____ in God's family.

²² ...So that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

3. There is an _____ constantly going on in a sanctified heart.

1 Peter 2:1

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

4. Crave _____ which is pure spiritual milk for your spiritual growth.

1 Peter 2:2

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APPLICATION

Regular bible reading, understanding the message, and applying its truth to our life... these are to be our constant habits.

The purpose of the Old Testament for us

1 Corinthians 10:6, 11

⁶ These things (things written in the Old Testament) happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did,

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples for us. **They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.**