

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

1 Peter 1:22-25

Lesson 4

God's forgiveness frees the believer to take her eyes off of herself and to meet the needs of others through *sincere love*. Peter then reminds us that everything in this life – possessions, accomplishments, and people – will eventually fade away and disappear. Only God's Word *endures forever*. May you be challenged to take your eyes off of the temporary and set them on the permanent things of our Lord.

DAY ONE: Read 1 Peter 1:22-25

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?

a. 1 Peter 1:22-25 is one section/paragraph. List below the subject(s) covered in this section.

How would you title this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

After titling this section, record a title for Chapter 1.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

From previous lesson: *God (LORD), Spirit, glory, and incorruptible*

New to this lesson: *love, grass, and forever*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in 1 Peter 1:22-25. Remember, as you mark the words *God* and *Spirit*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

3. Note the contrasting term, but, in verses 23 and 25. Contrast life in the *flesh* with the *word of God* and what it produces.

DAY TWO: Read 1 Peter 1:22

1. In earlier verses of 1 Peter 1, believers are called to walk in *hope* and *holiness*. We find another instruction in verse 22. What is it?

a. Fill in the blanks which describe the way we are to *love*.

*Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in _____
love of the brethren, love one another _____ with a _____ heart.*

1.) List some synonyms for:

sincere:

feroent:

pure:

2. Scan 1 John 4:7-21, marking each time the word *love* is used.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love Him because He first loved us. ²⁰If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

a. Make a list of 5 statements John makes about *love*.

- b. Summarize what 1 John 4:7-21 teaches about *love*.
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- 3. *By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*" John 13:35 In what ways is *loving one another* evidence of *discipleship*?

DAY THREE: Read 1 Peter 1:23

- 1. All believers are *born again*. Record what 1 Peter 1:23 teaches us about being *born again*.
 - a. Just as our physical birth requires two parents, so does our spiritual birth. What are the two components of spiritual births? See John 3:5,6 and 1 Peter 1:23.
 - b. Contrast the *corruptible seed* of the physical birth with the *incorruptible seed* of the spiritual birth.

- 2. We have been *born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God*. What does verse 23 reveal about the *word of God*?
 - a. Further your description of the *word of God* using Hebrews 4:12.
 - b. In your own words, describe the *word of God*.

- 3. Using 1 John 3: 9, record the power of God's *incorruptible seed*. Note: the phrases *does not sin* and *cannot sin* are in the present tense, speaking of a continuance in lifestyle of sin, not specific acts of sin.

DAYS FOUR AND FIVE: Read 1 Peter 1:24,25

1. Today we will see a revealing contrast between the *glory of man* and the *word of the LORD*. Observe this by recording what 1 Peter 1:24,25 declares about:

the glory of man

the word of the LORD

- a. What lesson is there in this for us today?

2. There are many verses in the Bible about the *word of God*. Choose a few of the following Scriptures and write what they say about the *Word*:

Psalm 119:89

Psalm 119:103

Psalm 119:130

Jeremiah 15:16

Matthew 4:4

Challenge: Add other verses that describe the *word of God*.

3. *The word of the LORD endures forever* (1 Peter 1:25a). 2 Corinthians 1:20 reminds us, *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us*. What are some of your favorite *promises of God*?

4. With today's study in mind, share one or two practical ways we could spend less time on the *glory of man* and more time in the *word of the LORD*.

5. The believer endures forever: *The Word of the LORD endures forever*. *The Word of the LORD* lives in the heart and life of the believer. Therefore, the believer lives forever. According to 1 Peter 1:25b, what is this *word that endures forever*?
 - a. According to John 5:24, what happens to a person upon their acceptance of *the gospel*?

 - b. What does Galatians 4:4-6 add to this?

 - c. Use a few phrases to describe what happened to you when you accepted *the gospel* that *was preached to you*.

DAY SIX: Review 1 Peter 1:22-25

1. 1 Peter 1:22 instructs us to *love the brethren*. Describe what this kind of *love* looks or behaves like.

2. As a believer, one day you will be *incorruptible*. Describe what you think that will be like.

3. *The glory of man is as the flower of the grass.* What are some of the chief *glories* (attainments, attributes) of man?

a. What does it say to you that these are *as the flower of the grass*?

4. In what ways have you been challenged or encouraged by this week's study?

*The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. "The voice said, "Cry out!"
And he said, "What shall I cry? All flesh is grass,
And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."
- Isaiah 40:5-8*