

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

God's Word at Work

1 Peter 1.22-2.1

GOD'S WORD ...

1. The Agent of our New Birth, 1.23

- ***once dead, now alive to God! 1.3; Eph 2.1-5***
- ***grace gives rise to faith***
John 1.12-13; Eph 2.8-9
- ***faith comes from hearing the Word***
Rom 10.17
- ***God's Spirit uses God's Word to ...***
 - ***convict us of sin Heb 4.12-13***
 - ***convince us about Jesus John 20.30-31***
 - ***show us God's way of salvation***
2 Tim 3.15; John 6.63

GOD'S WORD ...

2. Stands True Forever, 1.24-25

- ***all human glory is so fleeting***
- ***God's Gospel is permanent***
Jesus is the only way of salvation
John 14.6; Acts 4.12; Gal 1.6-9

GOD'S WORD ...

3. Has a Purifying Purpose, 1.22;2.1

- ***we're called to be holy 1.15-16***
God's word is key, as we obey it
John 17.17; James 1.18,21
- ***God's Word at work ...***
 - ***revealing our errors***
Psalm 19.12; James 1.22-25
 - ***re-shaping our minds***
Isaiah 55.8-9; Rom 12.2
 - ***refining our characters 2 Tim 3.16-17***

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3. Has a Purifying Purpose, 1.22;2.1

- ***love is the hallmark of purity 1.22***
our love for our fellow believers must be
... genuine and wholehearted
Luke 22.44; Acts 12.4
... about attitudes and actions 4.8
1 Cor 13.4-7; 1 John 3.16-18

- ***eliminate every old bad habit 2.1***
malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander
all denials of love Eph 4.9

GOD'S WORD ...

4. Is Something to Crave, 2.2-3

- ***our spiritual diet***
God's Word in all its purity
- ***our spiritual appetite***
be ravenous for God's Word!
- ***our spiritual growth***
is dependent on God's Word
1 Thess 2.13