

1 Pete 1:22-25 New Life Means New Living

6/7/09 - The Exchange

- I. Running review of entire chapter
  - A. Fear drives from truth and The Truth.
  - B. We put our fear in the wrong things. We do the same with hope.
- II. 1:22
  - A. purified - consecrated, ceremonially cleansed and devoted, meets the requirements of God's standard
  - B. obeying - call back to 1:14
  - C. the truth - reality, fact, certainty.
  - D. Connecting God's sovereignty and out will again.
  - E. in - unto, for, where it goes and does
  - F. sincere - a bad actor, one who can't cover up who they really are
  - G. love of the brethren - phileo, brotherly love
  - H. love - agapao, imperative, command, love that is completely given over
  - I. fervently - picture of reaching out, stretching to grab, as if your life depended on it
  - J. pure - clean, unblemished, nothing extra
  - K. Fear not only drives us away from the truth, it drives us away from one another. Truth drives us to faith, hope, and to love one another.
  - L. When we are in trials and trouble we shouldn't go back to the world and especially should not isolate ourselves from the Body.
- III. 1:23-25
  - A. 1:23
    - 1. born again - call back to 1:3, 1:14 (children), born of the Spirit (john 3) and of this seed. Completed action, the only means by which we can do the immediate above and all of it.
    - 2. corruptible/incorruptible - call back to 1:18
    - 3. lives abides - alive because it is God breathed. Abides as in exists, stands, doesn't move.
  - B. 1:24 Quotation from Isaiah 40:6-8
    - 1. Grass, flowers, and allergies. That which is not of God ought to have a negative effect on us. (Not primary application but a sound one).
    - 2. Odd contrast? Why not "iron rusts and mountains erode"? That's how we see what mankind makes. God sees it as grass.
    - 3. Don't put your trust/faith in Godly people. Heros fall, Jesus and His word are eternal.
    - 4. Tom Stipe - God's word is an anvil that has worn down many hammers.
  - C. Reliability of God's word.
    - 1. OT - transmission methods, comparative translations, DSS
    - 2. NT - number of copies (over 5K), time after writing, quotations
    - 3. The most reliable ancient text the world has. MAPS
  - D. 1:25 If we can trust this, we can trust it's message. GOSPEL
- IV. Reminder - God's word equips us with the truth and the reality of who and what we are in God because of what Who Jesus is and what Jesus did. Live by faith in the truth of that hope.