



"Responding to the Word of Grace" (Part 2)

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1 Peter 1:23a



22 Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love each other from a pure heart.

23 You have been born again not out of perishable seed, but imperishable: through the living and enduring Word of God. **24**

FOR ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS AND ALL OF HER GLORY IS LIKE A FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS AND THE FLOWER FADES, **25** BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD REMAINS FOREVER. And this is the Word which was preached to you.

2:1 Therefore, putting aside all wickedness, and all deceitfulness, and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, **2** Like newborn babies, long for the pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow with respect to salvation – **3** if indeed you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

– 1 Peter 1:22-2:3, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction: Sola Scriptura - Four Views / Practices

"Responding to the Word of Grace Will Bring God's Blessing in Your Spiritual Race."

- 1) Historic
- 2) Early Roman Catholic
- 3) Late Roman Catholic
- 4) Solō Scriptura (not to be confused with Sola Scriptura)

I. Rightly Responding to the Word of Grace (1:22 - 2:3)

A. Rekindle Your Love for the Brethren (22) *"What is the Measure of my Love?"*

1. We need to remember that our salvation is the fuel for the fire of brotherly love

2. Four characteristics of this kind of love: sincere; brotherly; fervent; pure

a. First: Our love is to be sincere

b. Second: Our love is to be brotherly

c. Third: Our love is to be fervent

(1) ektenōs / ἐκτενω̄ς – comes from the verb teinō / τεινω, "to stretch"

d. Last: Our love is to be pure (from a pure heart)

B. Remember Your Response to the Word (23-25) *"What is my Perspective on Scripture?"*

1. Verses 22-25 are all about remembering past events

a. Remember the Word that Saved You (23a)

(1) Peter begins by reminding us of that fact of our salvation

(a) God birthed us - anagennaō / ἀναγενναω – (to birth or beget again)

i. To be born again is to be regenerated by God's sovereign grace

Conclusion

"The new birth is monergistic; it is solely a work of the Holy Spirit. Sinners do not cooperate in their spiritual births anymore than infants cooperate in their spiritual births."
[John MacArthur]