



## "Responding to the Word of Grace" (Part 1)

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*1 Peter 1:22*



**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.

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

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

A. Refresh Your Love for the Brethren (22a) *"What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of my Love?"*

1. Was Peter addressing an existing problem, or was this preemptive?

2. The mandate for Christians to love one another (John 3:34-35; 1 John 3:14, 3:23)

a. What causes this sort of love?

"Our \_\_\_\_\_ is the fuel for the fire of brotherly love."

3. "Purified" is a perfect active participle (past action with continuing results)

a. The imagery harkens back to the OT

4. The believer's "soul" has been "purified" by "obedience" to the "truth"

a. What is the "truth?"

b. What is "obedience?"

(1) Compare 1:2 with 1:22

1:2	1:22
<i>that you may obey Jesus Christ</i>	<i>by obedience to the truth</i>
<i>sprinkled with His blood</i>	<i>having purified your souls</i>

\*\* Side Note: What about the King James addition of "through the Spirit?"

5. Four characteristics of the love we are to have for one another from verse 22:

a. It is to be \_\_\_\_\_

b. It is to be \_\_\_\_\_

c. It is to be \_\_\_\_\_

d. It is to be \_\_\_\_\_

6. Nine Quick Takes on this "sincere, brotherly, fervent, and pure" love:

1. Love for each other begins with a love for \_\_\_\_\_. *Principle: You will Love \_\_\_\_\_*
2. Love for each other begins with a love for the \_\_\_\_\_. *Principle: You will Love God's Word*
3. Love for each other flows out of a love for the \_\_\_\_\_. *Principle: You will Love God's Church*
4. Love for each other means we stick \_\_\_\_\_. *Principle: You will be \_\_\_\_\_*
5. Love for each other means we give preference to each other. *Principle: You will be \_\_\_\_\_*
6. Love for each other means we are willing to \_\_\_\_\_. *Principle: You will \_\_\_\_\_*
7. Love means we \_\_\_\_\_ for each other *Principle: You will be on your \_\_\_\_\_*
8. Love means we bear with and \_\_\_\_\_ each other. *Principle: You will grin and bear it*
9. Love means we pray for each other. *Principle: You will be on your \_\_\_\_\_*

**Conclusion . . .** Rightly responding to the Word of grace? Refresh your love for the brethren?  
*"What is the depth of my love?"*