

The Enduring Word

I Peter 1:22-2:3

I Peter 4

Introduction

Christians should be joined together in harmony.

I Peter 3:8- ***Finally, all of you should agree and have concern and love for each other. ...***

Romans 12:10- ***Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself.***

I John 3:18- ***...you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it.***

This is only possible when we are joined by the truths of the enduring Word of God.

(Read I Peter 1:22-2:3)

I. Sincerety

(Read vs. 22)

Sincere = unfeigned, unbidden, honest, and vulnerable.

No amount of difficulty will stop it.

We must also be pure- bearing no evil thought or feelings.

II. The Word Is Enduring

(Read vss. 24-25)

This is a quote from Isaiah 40:6-8.

It reminds us of two truths when we are facing hard times or persecution:

1. Life is short.
2. The Word of God endures forever.

III. Growth

(Read 2:1)

Growth in holiness is essential.

Before we can grow we must be planted in the soil of love.

We must clear the weeds of sin out. (things like malice, deceit hypocrisy, envy, and evil speaking) These things crowd out God and His Word.

IV. The Desire For the Word

(Read vs. 2:2)

This is another element of Christian growth. A desire for the Word and for faith.

Growth in the Word is necessary for spiritual growth in the life of a Christian.

V. Taste

(Read vs. 2:3)

Taste = pleasure and experience.

We do not simply trust that the Lord is gracious. We experience His grace first hand.

We do this by appropriating the Word into our lives.

This taste promotes adoration which is willingness to come near to God.

Hebrews 4:16- ***So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.***

Hebrews 7:25- ***He is forever able to save the people he leads to God, because he always lives to speak to God for them.***

Hebrews 10:22- ***So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Let's keep our hearts pure, our consciences free from evil, and our bodies washed with clean water.***

Hebrews 11:6- ***But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him.***

Under the law an individual person could not do this- unless they were a priest. Even the way the temple was constructed restricted it.

However, in the New Testament God invites us to gather and to come into His presence.

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(I Peter 3:8; Romans 12:10; I John 3:18)

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Possible Answers: harmony; growth, pleasure, adoration, essential, truths, honest, forever, grow, pure, short