

Seeing Brotherly Love from Being & Hearing

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1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1Pe 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

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Peter begins by seeing that Jesus' followers have purified their souls unto 'unfeigned' (real; not fake) love of their brothers.

Then Peter explains that the source of this brotherly love lies in two things:

- 1) Being born again by the Living Word...
- 2) Hearing the gospel of the Living Word by the preached word.

I. What we have learned thus far from Peter's teachings:

A. You know that you know things that the angels desired to know

1. That God has heaven reserved for you
2. That God gives faith that now keeps you
3. That God uses trials to bring joy

B. Wherefore: Gird up—Have hope—Be holy

C. Fear forasmuch as Jesus shed His precious blood

II. Seeing ye have — (The good side and the bad side of being seen as a Christian)

A. A chief end of Christianity involves Christians being seen of men as Christians

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Mat 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation (*behavior, lifestyle*) honest (*beautiful to look at*) among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Tit 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Tit 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

1Ti 3:7 Moreover he (*a preacher*) must have a good report of them which are without...

1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

2Co 8:21 Providing for honest (*beautiful to look at*) things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

B. The fine line between being seen of men and not being seen of men

Mat 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them...

Mat 6:3 ...when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

Mat 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men.

Mat 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast...

Mat 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men...

Joh 12:43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Mat 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer...

Mat 23:28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Php 1:15 Some...preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

III. *Purified your souls*

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and **purify your hearts**, *ye* double minded.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself**, even as he is pure.

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself** a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

IV. *In obeying the truth through the Spirit*

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, **unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ...

1Pe 1:14 **As obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not **obey the truth**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always **obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

V. *Unto unfeigned love of the brethren*

1Ti 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* **faith unfeigned**:

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

Jas 2:16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

1Jn 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1Jn 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

1Jn 4:21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

VI. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Joh 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

VII. The source of the brotherly love that Peter was seeing lies in two things:

1) Being born again by the 'Living Word'

2) Hearing the gospel concerning the 'Living Word' by the 'preached word'

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A. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

B. By the word of God

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear **the voice of the Son of God**: and they that hear shall live.

Joh 1:14 And **the Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick (*alive*), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in **his** sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of **him** with whom we have to do.

C. Which liveth and abideth for ever

Rev 1:18 *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore...

Heb 7:24 But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

D. For all flesh is as grass... But the word of the Lord endureth for ever

Isa 40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

Isa 40:7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isa 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

E. Hearing the gospel concerning the 'Living Word' by the 'preached word'

1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Luk 1:76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest...

Luk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins...

Luk 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

2Ti 1:10 ...our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: