

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 1:23-25 & 2:1-3 Lesson #6

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Peter before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.

23-25 Having been **BORN AGAIN, NOT of corruptible SEED but INCORRUPTIBLE**, through the **WORD of GOD** which lives and abides forever, because **“All FLESH is grass, and all the glory of MAN as the flower of the grass.** The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the **WORD of the LORD endures FOREVER.”** Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

- **Isaiah 40:8** “The grass _____, the flower _____; but the _____ of our _____ stands _____.”
- **Matthew 24:35** “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My _____ will by _____ means _____.”
- **John 3:3** “Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is _____, he cannot see the kingdom of _____.”
- **Hebrews 4:12** “For the _____ of _____ is _____ and _____, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
- **Colossians 1:5** “Because of the hope which is _____ for _____ in _____, of which you heard before in the _____ of the _____ of the _____.”

Definition: “BORN AGAIN, NOT of corruptible SEED but INCORRUPTIBLE” – This is the same as “He brought us forth by the **WORD of TRUTH**” in James 1:18, and **“BEGOTTEN us AGAIN”** in I Peter 1:3, although the better translation is in the original King James Version, where it says, “Of His own will **BEGAT He us WITH the word of truth.**” **BEGOTTEN** and **BEGAT** are old fashioned English words for **CONCEPTION** and **BEING BORN**. Now, I realize we don’t talk like that any more, and it’s old fashioned, but the word “begat” is so much more descriptive of what God is doing here! **Begat means to cause to be conceived and be born, so God is CAUSING us to be spiritually BORN AGAIN by His WORD, the word of truth.** The dictionary says to “beget” means “to procreate as the father”, and the **“SEED”** that the Father uses by which **to bring about our spiritual conception and birth is His WORD, the WORD of God, the word of truth.** **Peter tells us that God’s word is “INCORRUPTIBLE”,** which means it will NOT rot or dissolve away, but will remain FOREVER. This is why it is so important for us to either recite Scriptures we have memorized or read Scripture when we are witnessing to someone - that **“seed” of the word of God** is what will cause them to be born again if they just believe it and receive Jesus.

- **James 1:18** “Of _____ own _____ He brought us forth by the _____ of _____, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.”
- **I Peter 1:3** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has _____ us _____ to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Definition: “BORN OF GOD” — John 1:13 says we are born, NOT of certain things, but we **ARE BORN of GOD.** The New Birth (being Born Again) (1.) Does NOT happen “by blood”, which means by inheritance from human ancestors; (2.) Does NOT happen “by the will of the flesh”, which means by human sexual desire; and (3.) Does NOT happen “by the will of man”, which means by human will

power or determination. **It is a SUPERNATURAL ACT of GOD** that happens to us when we BELIEVE in Jesus and RECEIVE HIM as Savior.

● **John 1:12-13** “But as many as received _____, to them He gave the right to become _____ of God, even to those who _____ in His _____: who were _____, not of blood, nor of the _____ of the _____, nor of the _____ of _____, but of _____.”

Definition: “All FLESH is GRASS, and all the glory of MAN as the FLOWER of the GRASS” – This is telling us how insignificant our human life-span is in God’s eyes. As quickly as grass or wild flowers wither and dry up, our human life-span of seventy or eighty years goes by as fast in the light of eternity. In James 4:13-15 it says, **“WHAT is your LIFE? It is even a VAPOR.”** Our physical life here on this earth **seems so permanent to us, but in God’s sight it is as short-lived as a vapor** (hot air that dissipates in a few seconds of time), or in length as a “handbreadth” (a few inches - the width of a person’s hand). .

● **James 4:13-15** “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”, whereas you do _____ know _____ will _____ tomorrow. For _____ is your _____? It is even a _____ that appears for a _____ and then _____ away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

● **Job 14:1-2** “Man, who is born of woman, is short-lived and full of turmoil. Like a _____ he comes forth and _____. He also flees like a shadow and does not remain.”

● **Psalms 90:5-6** “You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like _____ which grows up; in the evening it is _____ and _____.”

● **Psalms 103:14-16** “For He knows our _____; He remembers that we are _____. As for man, his days are like _____; as a _____ of the field, so he flourishes. For the _____ passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.”

● **James 1:9-11** “Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a _____ of the _____ he will pass _____. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it _____ the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will _____ away in his pursuits.”

● **Psalms 39:4-5** “Lord, make me to know my _____, and what is the _____ of my _____, that I may know how _____ I am. Indeed, You have made my _____ as handbreadths, and my _____ is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but _____.”

● **Psalms 144:4** “Man is like a _____; his _____ are like a passing _____.”

Chapter 2

1-3 Therefore, **LAYING ASIDE all MALICE, all GUILF, HYPOCRISY, ENVY and all EVIL SPEAKING**, as newborn babes, **DESIRE the pure milk of the WORD**, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

● **Ephesians 4:31** “Let all _____, wrath, _____, clamor, and all _____ be _____ from you, with all _____.”

Definition: "PERVERSE MOUTH" — A perverse mouth is one of the things GOD HATES!! Perverse means "turned away from, or opposing what is right or good; **CORRUPT**; improper, stubborn, obstinate."

Definition: "ROOT of BITTERNESS" – Bitterness is ANGER and RESENTMENT that is held onto for a long time, and it festers and causes problems, and never goes away without a conscious effort and REAL FORGIVENESS on the part of the one who has been hurt or offended. Bitterness hurts MANY MORE people than just the one who is bitter (that's what it means by "many are defiled"). Many family dysfunctions and generational sins begin as a ROOT of BITTERNESS in someone's life, which then passes down to their families in the form of more DYSFUNCTIONS, ADDICTIONS, and other problems. The reason it is called a ROOT is because, like weeds in a garden, if you only cut down the top part of the plant, and leave the root in the ground, it will grow back up. We MUST deal with the root cause and innermost feelings of hurt, betrayal, offense, or whatever the issue is, before true healing can begin.

•**Matthew 12:34-37** "Brood of vipers! How can you, being _____ speak good things? For out of the abundance of the _____ the _____ speaks. A good man out of the _____ of his heart brings forth good things, and an _____ man out of the _____ brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for _____ idle _____ men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of _____. For by your _____ you will be justified, and by your _____ you will be condemned."

Definition: "As newborn BABES, DESIRE the pure milk of the WORD" – Babies need food and loving care in order to grow. As new Christians, **we all need to get into the word of God**, or we will never grow to maturity in Christ.

•**Matthew 18:2-3** "And Jesus called a little _____ to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are _____ and become as little _____, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.'"

•**I Corinthians 14:20** "Brethren, do not be _____ in understanding; however, in _____, be _____, but in understanding be mature."

Definition: "If indeed you have TASTED that the LORD is GRACIOUS" – To "taste" and see if God is good is **an invitation to give the Lord a sincere try** before rejecting Him altogether. Many people reject Jesus Christ before they have even given Him a try, and they do not understand how truly good and gracious He really is. This does not mean we can be half-hearted about it, because the word says we are "blessed" if we TRUST in Him, and that requires giving him everything.

•**Psalms 34:8** "Oh, _____ and see that the _____ is _____; _____ is the man who _____ in Him."

•**Titus 3:4-6** "But when the _____ and the _____ of _____ our Savior toward man appeared, _____ by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His _____ He _____ us, by the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the _____; which He shed on us _____ through Jesus Christ our Savior."

•**Hebrews 6:5** "And have _____ the _____ word of _____ and the powers of the age to come."

•**Psalms 86:5 & 15** "For You, Lord, are _____, and ready to _____; and _____ in _____ to all those who call upon You. (Verse 15) "But You, O Lord, are a God _____ of _____, and _____,

long-suffering (patient), and _____ in _____ and _____.”