

I Peter 1:23-25

Rebirth Through The Gospel

I. Introduction:

- A. We are going to be talking about being “born again” (**John 3:1-7**).
 - 1. We know there is physical birth and physical death (**Ecclesiastes 3:2**).
 - 2. We will be discussing spiritual birth in this lesson, which is possible because of Jesus (**John 1:1-17**).
- B. The need for rebirth exists because of what sin does to a person spiritually (**Ephesians 2:1-5** and **Colossians 2:13**).
 - 1. Being spiritually dead applies to apostate saints too (**I Timothy 5:6**).
 - 2. For further related considerations, see: **Matthew 8:21-22**, **Luke 15:11-24**, **II Corinthians 5:14-15**, and **Galatians 4:19**

II. Body: *“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 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: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you” (I Peter 1:23-25).*

- A. Those addressed in this letter were born again [begotten again] (**I Peter 1:3**).
 - 1. Begotten by the word of God (**I Corinthians 4:15** and **James 1:18-27**).
 - 2. This is “the seed” from which we are spiritually born (**I John 3:9**).
- B. The word of God is the incorruptible [“undecaying (in essence or continuance): - not (in-, un-) corruptible, immortal”; (Strong’s # 862)] seed (**Psalms 119:89**).
 - 1. The seed of man is not eternal (**II Samuel 14:14**, **Job 14:1**, and **Hebrews 9:27**).
 - 2. The seed of God, His word, is eternal (**Isaiah 40:6-8** and **Matthew 24:35**).
- C. All flesh and earthly glory perishes as does grass (**Psalms 103:15**).
 - 1. Even the rich and powerful (**Psalms 62:9** and **James 1:10-11**).
 - 2. If it is of this world, it will perish (**I John 2:15-17**).
 - 3. So, we don’t trust in man (**Psalms 146:3-4**).
- D. Our hope and trust is to be in the declared word of God , the Gospel (**Psalms 19:7-11** and **Colossians 1:3-6**).
 - 1. His word is tried (**Psalms 18:30**).
 - 2. His word doesn’t fail (**Isaiah 46:10**; **55:10-11**).
 - 3. The Gospel, God’s word, saves (**Romans 1:16-17**).

III. Conclusion: Our next study: *“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious” (I Peter 2:1-3).*