The Wonderful Word of God 1 Peter 1:22-25

As Peter provides comfort and reassurance to 1st century Christians (and to us today), he reminds them of just how wonderful God's word is.

It Purifies: In 1 Peter 1:22, he explains that by "obedience to the truth," our souls are purified. When we obey God's word, our souls are cleansed. The spiritual stain that sin causes in the hearts and lives of men is removed when God's word is obeyed.

It Gives Life: In 1 Peter 1:23, he writes that "through the living and enduring word of God" we have been born again. Through our obedience to God's word, we receive spiritual and even eternal life.

It is Eternal: In 1 Peter 1:25, he declares that "the word of the Lord endures forever." The word of God cannot be destroyed, it has always been, and it will always be.

I have often failed to recall the purifying, life-giving, eternal nature of the word of God, which I am able to not only hold in my hands but bury in my heart. By inspiration, Peter wrote, "this is the word which was preached to you...Stand firm in it!" (1 Peter 1:25; 5:12).

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JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

Matt Langfield and the Eldership will live stream the 11:00am Sunday worship service on our FB Members page again this week. If you are able, join us to hear an uplifting lesson from God's Word, partake of the Lord's Supper, praise the Lord in song and petition Him in prayer at this difficult and trying time. Go to: https://www.facebook.com/groups/491564101558429/

MORE RESOURCES FOR AT-HOME EDIFICATION

Focus Press is offering *iGrow Devotionals*. *iGrow* is a devotional tool designed to help you study, meditate on, and pray about God's Word in 15 minutes each day. Check it out at https://www.focuspress.org/category/devotionals/





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DULL'S CUBA MISSION TRIP

Due to the COVid-19 pandemic, the Dull's mission trip to Cuba has been canceled. They hope to go in October depending on current events at that time.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to mel For my soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by. Psalms 57:1



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Jordan and Britney Kinder need prayers. Britney had some pregnancy complications and an emergency C-section was done on March 26. Five pound Coleman Paull Kinder was seven weeks premature and remains in the NICU AT



Catawba Valley Medical Center. Little Coleman has been improving but is expected to remain in the hospital for a couple more weeks.

Paul Davis, Logan's dad, went to hospital Tuesday due to foot problems.

- **Robert Martin**, missionary to the Pacific Islands, is currently under mandatory quarantine in Fiji. He was unable to return to the US.
- **Stacey Turner**, Taylor Maurer's father, remains in the hospital. He underwent an ultrasound last Monday. He was in a lot of pain and had big, red hot spots all over his arm due to pseudoaneurysm.
- **Carolyn Minor**, Cindy Brown's mother, underwent three more surgeries this past week. She remains in the hospital.
- Jesse Hall, wife of coworker of Steve Brown, has been sick with covid-19 symptoms for three weeks and shows no signs of improvement. She is experiencing labored breathing, fever and cough.
- **Edwin Boger** is home under hospice care. Edwin has taken a turn for the worse. The family requests no visits but cards are welcome. Please continue to pray for Edwin, Ivey Nell and all members of the Boger family.

Continue to pray for Mildred Bean, Christy Boger, Bubba Cannon, Leroy Cranfill, Glenn Koontz, Sara Koontz, Waylon Kuklentz, Bobby Lankford, Brenda May, Marlene Nickels, Mildred Phelps, Steve Short, Jay Stanley, Jerry Stanley, Jimmy Watkins, David Whitley, Willie Yarbrough

Our Shut-Ins: Robert Cole, Vergie Farmer, Estelle Kluttz, Sadie Rice, Wanda Scott, Bailey Walker



Annie Ressa Monday April 6 Elaine Snow Tuesday April 7 Jana Brown Saturday April II



PRIVELEDGED TO SERVE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Service conducted by Matt Langfield and Elders streaming via Facebook.

LAST WEEKS NUMBERS

Sunday Bible Class 0 Sunday Morning Worship 0 Sunday Evening Worship 0 Wednesday Bible Study 0 Offering \$1547 Weekly Budget \$2200



SCHEDULE of SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Class 10am Morning Worship 11am Evening Worship 6pm WEDNESDAY Bible Class 7pm

PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17 Believe Jesus is God's Son Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6 Repent of Sin Acts 17:30-31 Confess Jesus is God's Son before Men Acts 8:36-37, Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9-10 Be Baptized (immersed) Acts 2:38 Live Faithfully 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

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