





Stronger than Crabgrass

1 Peter 1:22-25

Two things to see in our text:

1. The purpose of the word
2. The power of the word

1 Peter 1:22-23

**22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,
23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,**

1 Peter 1:24-25

24 because

"All flesh is as grass,

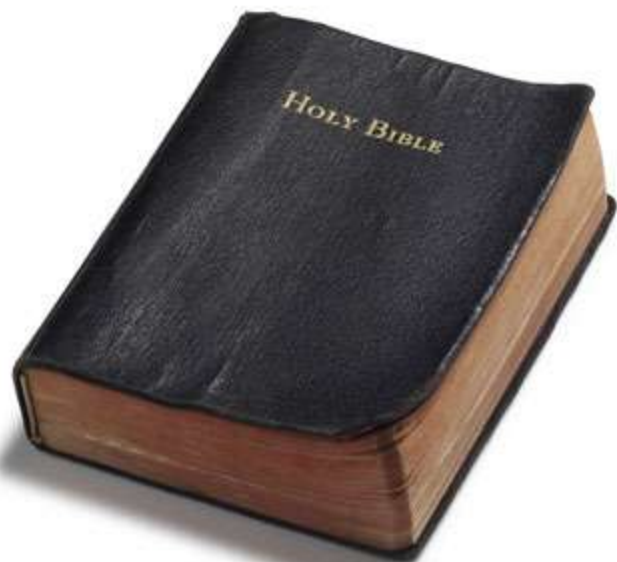
**And all the glory of man as the flower of
the grass.**

The grass withers,

And its flower falls away,

**25 But the word of the Lord endures
forever."**

**Now this is the word which by the gospel
was preached to you.**



The purpose of the word:

1 Peter 1:22-23a

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again...

Acts 2:38

**38 Then Peter said to them,
"Repent, and let every one of
you be baptized in the name of
Jesus Christ for the remission
of sins; and you shall receive
the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Romans 6:18

18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Ephesians 2:4-6

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of His great love with
which He loved us, 5 even when we
were dead in trespasses, made us
alive together with Christ (by grace
you have been saved), 6 and raised
us up together, and made us sit
together in the heavenly places in
Christ Jesus,**

**There are bookends
in this section:**



Purified

Born again

John 3:3,5

**3 Jesus answered and said to him,
"Most assuredly, I say to you,
unless one is born again, he
cannot see the kingdom of God."**

**5 Jesus answered, "Most
assuredly, I say to you, unless one
is born of water and the Spirit, he
cannot enter the kingdom of God."**

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

1 Peter 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**What the bookends
are holding up:**



**Brotherly
Love**

GOD



Others ← **me** → **Others**

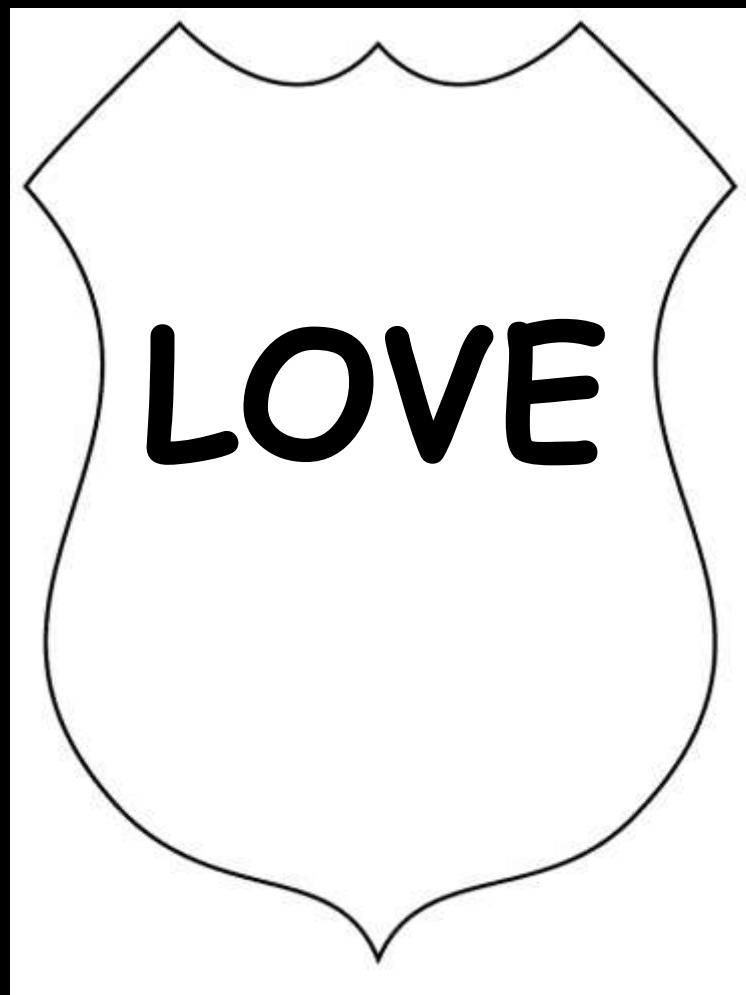
1 Peter 1:22

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

Action: Purified their souls

Consequence: Love one another fervently

The badge of the Christian is:

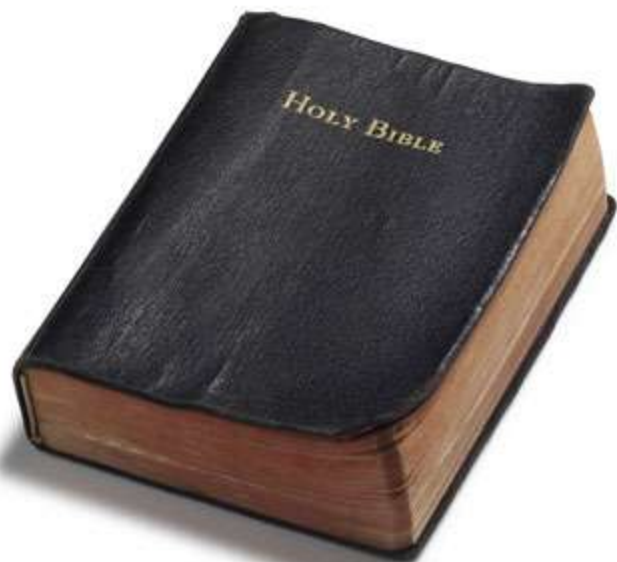


Our love is to be:

- **Sincere**

- **Fervent**

- **Pure**



The power of the word:

1 Peter 1:23b-25

23...not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

**Peter's emphasis
on the word:**

**The Truth = Seed = Word of God = Word
of the Lord = The Word = The Gospel**

THE
OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT
CONTAINING THE
TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL
AND WITH THE FORMER
DILIGENTLY COM
BY HIS MAJ

This powerful word is...

TRUTH

This powerful word...

GIVES LIFE

This powerful word...

**WILL NEVER
FAIL**

Psalm 103:15-17

**15 As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he
flourishes.**

**16 For the wind passes over it, and it
is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.**

**17 But the mercy of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's
children,**

Isaiah 40:6-8

6 The voice said, "Cry out!"

And he said, "What shall I cry?"

"All flesh is grass,

And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades,

Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever."

**Any glory that connected to man is
like this...**



...or this; it fades and is gone.

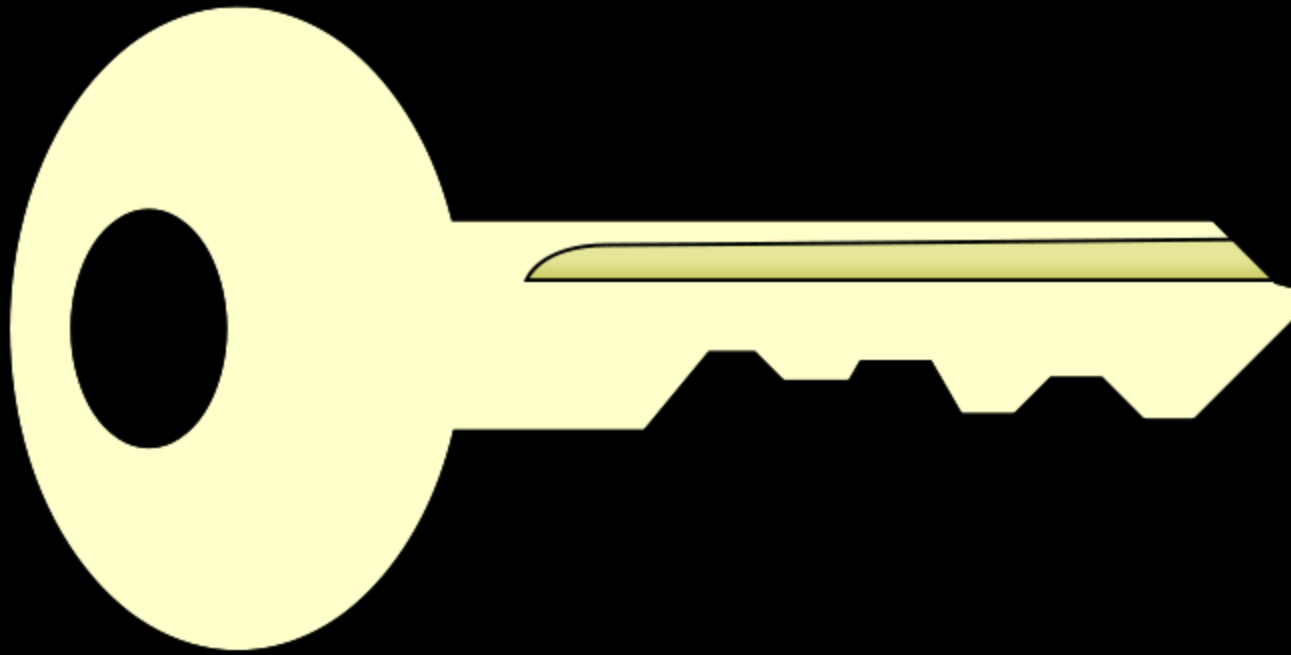


1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:18-20

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.



The key for me is obedience.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Acts 2:38-42

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Romans 6:3-4, 17

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.



**Obedience to
the truth**

**Purification, or
Sanctification**

Rebirth

The most powerful thing known to man?



No, the word of God is.