

New Life in Christ: Born of the Word

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Scripture:

“²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.” (1 Peter 1:22–25, ESV)

From the Introduction:

There are two words in the Greek [*logos* and *rhema*] that are used in the New Testament for “word.”

“Logos often designates the Christian proclamation [the Gospel of Jesus Christ] as a whole, *rhēma* usually relates to individual words and utterances [the message shared].”

- 1) The _____ is the word expressed.
 - a) The *logos* is _____ God's love.
 - b) Jesus Christ _____ His expression of that love for us.
- 2) The _____ is the word spoken.
 - a) The *rhēma* is the _____ of the Gospel.
 - b) It is the _____ word, to which we owe our very lives.
- 3) Both relate to the _____.
 - a) We receive the _____ seed.
 - b) This seed is the word of _____.

Remember:

“⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9, ESV)

Reflect:

“God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Seek:

In 2 Peter 3:9, the apostle states, “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise, but is patient toward you.” Here he is speaking of God’s plan of salvation for all. How has God made his patience toward you evident in your life? How has this been reassuring?

Share:

First Peter 1:25 states, “but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.” What reassurances do these words give to the believer? To the non-believer?

Serve:

This week's passage shows us that a new life in Jesus Christ is available to all, and it is God's intention for it to remain so until all have heard the truth of His message. What can you do this week to share that truth with someone? Why is it important that you seek to do so?

Pray:

During this week's prayer time, ask God how He can use you to plant the imperishable seed of His truth in the life of another.