

G r o w i n g o n t o

H O L I N E S S

1 Peter 1 : 13 – 2 : 3

How are you ?

Chia-pa-ber ? (Hokkien)

Sik-chor-mei ? (Cantonese)

Seek-bao-monk ? (Hakka)

Saaptiya ? (Tamil)

Bap meogeosseoo ? (Korean)

Have you eaten ?

1 Peter 1:13 – 2:3

¹³ Therefore, **prepare your minds for action**, set your hope on the grace to be given you **when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming**. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do **not conform to the evil desires** you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “**Be holy, because I am holy.**”

¹⁷ Since you call on a **Father who judges** each person’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here **in reverent fear**. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but **with the precious blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times **for your sake**. ²¹ **Through him you believe in God**, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:13 – 2:3

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have **sincere love for each other**, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but **of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God**. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass,

and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And **this is the word that was preached** to you.

2:1 Therefore, **rid yourselves of all** malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² **Like newborn babies, crave** pure spiritual milk, so that **by it you may grow up** in your salvation, ³ now that you have **tasted that the Lord is good**.

Growing onto Holiness

A silhouette of a pregnant woman stands in a field, her hands resting on her belly. The scene is set against a bright sunset sky, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The foreground and background consist of dark, silhouetted vegetation, including what appears to be a large, spiky plant on the right side of the frame.

A New Birth

A New Life

A New Mind

A New Birth

- 1:3-4, “ ... new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Christ from the dead,
- and into
 - an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade
 - kept in heaven
 - kept by God !
- 1:13, “.., set their hope on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.”

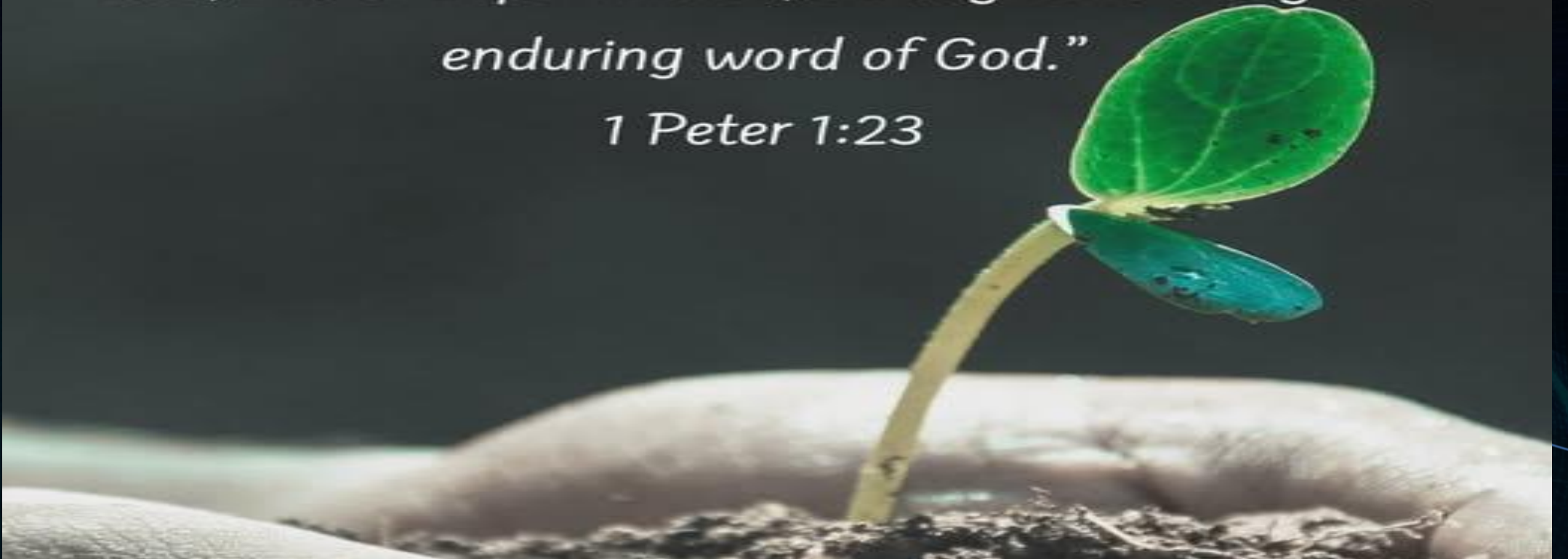


A New Birth

- 1:19 .. redeemed “ .. with the precious blood of **Christ !**”
- 1:21 “Through **Him** you believe in God.”

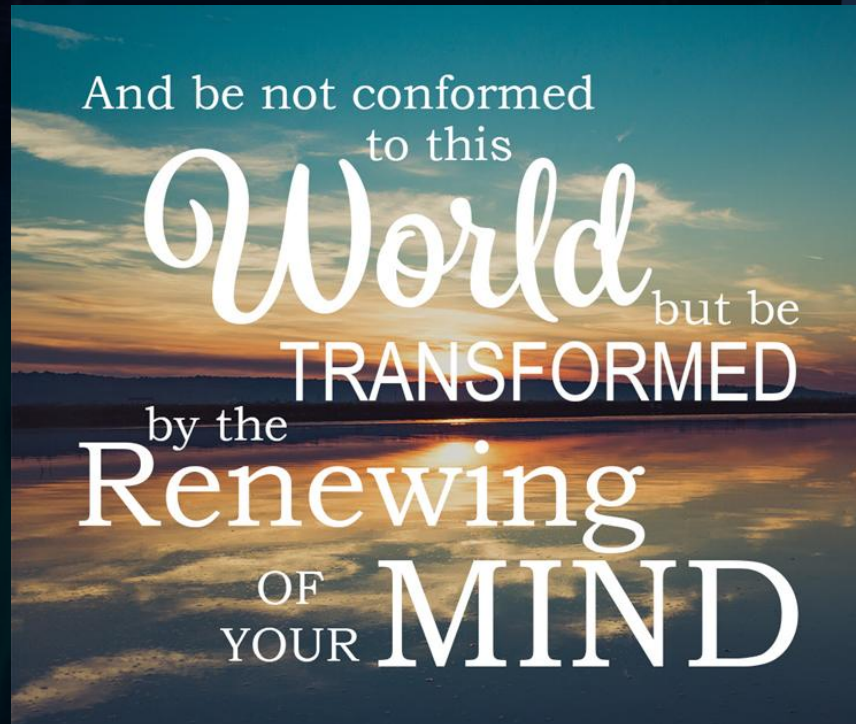
“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.”

1 Peter 1:23



A New Life

- Characteristics of a new life :
 - Sincere love for fellow believers – 1:22
 - Be self-controlled - 1:13
 - Do not conform to the evil desires they had – 1:14
 - Be holy – 1:15-16



“Be holy, for I, the LORD,
your God, am holy.”

Leviticus 19:2

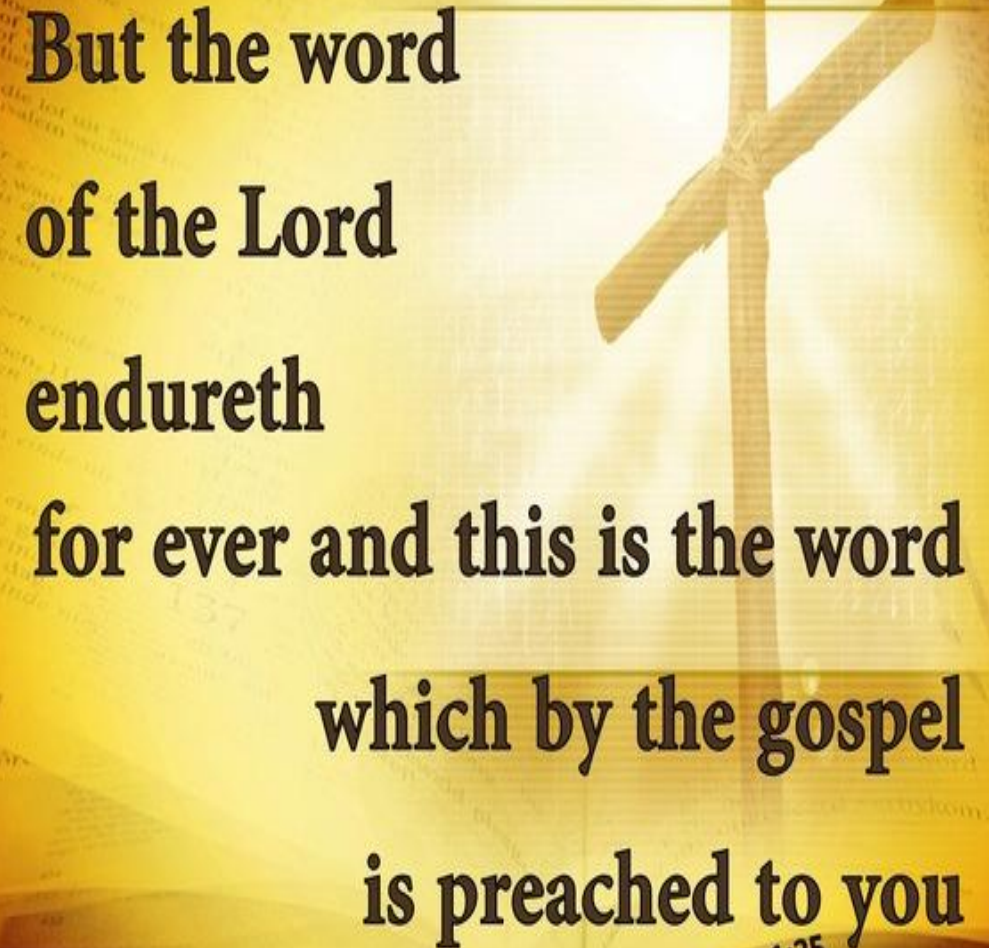
A New Life – A Holy Life

- Holy = set apart, separate, dedicated
- Believers are born again into a New Family - the Holy Family
- Holiness is in their “gene”.



A New Life – A Holy Life

- NT believers are called “saints”.
- **Holiness is thus GIVEN !**
- “Be Holy !”
- **yet, Holiness is DEMANDED !**
- Awareness of God’s holy standard points them to the need of a Saviour.
- The WORD became flesh

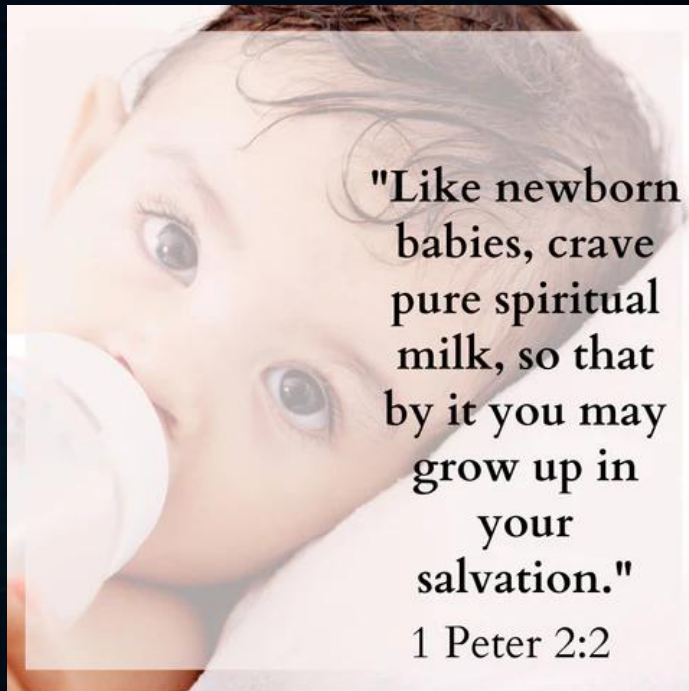


**But the word
of the Lord
endureth
for ever and this is the word
which by the gospel
is preached to you**

1 Peter 1:25

A New Mind

- “Therefore, prepare your mind for action !” – 1:13
 - believers possess the characteristics of a New Life in a New family
 - “... love one another deeply, from the heart.” – 1:22
- 2:1, “Rid themselves of” the “old person” – isolated, insecure
 - all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind



A New Mind



Growing onto Holiness

1. Am I growing ?

2. How do I know I am born again ?



A New Birth but Not a New Life

3. Can I be born again but NOT growing ?



Stagnant

A New Life needs a constantly Renewing Mind

“ Prepare your minds for action !”

REMOVE
AIDS

(Addiction, Indulgence, Distractions, Seduction.)

Have you taken the right “food” ?

