

# The MEANS SALVATION

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In the Study Verse Section, God's Word is printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.

Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets. • Pastor Joe's email: Joe@southreno.com

## Review

# "Our Response to Our Salvation"

- 1. Five Spiritual Incentives to Encourage Us to Holy Living
  - The Soon Return of the Son of God
  - The Holiness of God
  - The Word of God
  - The Judgment of God
  - The Love of God
- 2. Staying Clean in a Polluted World.
  - Pay close attention to what you see, hear, touch and think.
  - Imitate your Master.
  - Consider the consequences to your actions.
  - Remember, we are only here for a short time.

You are called to live a Holy Life.

Birth.

### STUDY SECTION

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# The MEANS of our SALVATION

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STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:22–23a, NASB95 - 22 Since	e yo
have in obedience to the truth [meaning followed the Word of God] purifi	ied [a

technical term for the purification of both people and priest before entering the Temple] OUR

souls for a sincere love [Gk: philadelphia—philos means sincere or affectionate (it does not mean sexual/romantic); adelphos means from the same womb; it means "family love"] of the brethren, fervently [an athletic term that means "striving with all of one's energy"; it was used in classical Gk. to describe galloping horses] love one another from the heart, [lit., without hypocrisy] <sup>23</sup> for you have been born again....

One must experience a life-changing, spiritual birth to be saved.

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**STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:23–25, NASB95** - <sup>23</sup> for you have been born again not of <u>seed</u> [lit., sperm—the only other reference to "incorruptible seed" is regarding Jesus Christ's birth] which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the <u>living and enduring word of God</u>. <sup>24</sup> For, [as Isaiah 40:6-8 states] "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, <sup>25</sup> BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which

Was preached to You [Martin Luther, "a man of defiant courage" gave the protestant church "three truths...that were in evident conflict to the traditions of men of his day...making him one of the top men of the last millennium;" {Source: 1,000 Years, 1,000 People, which ranked the top 1,000 people of the last 1,000 years—Luther was third. Three core theological values from Luther: (1) Justification by Faith Alone; (2) The Priesthood of the Believer and (3) The Translation of the Bible into Common Language.}]

One must learn from <u>Holy Scripture</u> God's plan of salvation.

### LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

# How shall we RESPOND to our SALVATION?

(Remember, 1 Pet. 1:3-13 spoke of the blessing of Salvation; vv. 14-25 speaks of our response to our Salvation—here is this section summarized:)

- **A. Be Holy** (vv. 13-16)
- **B. Fear God** (vv. 17-21)
- C. Love One Another Deeply (vv. 22-25)
- D. We must understand something....

The Imperishable Word of God vs. The Fading Glory of the World

<sup>24</sup>The Grass withers, And the flower falls off,
 <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endures forever." – Is. 40:8



Unredeemed, unsaved human life will fade like a fallen flower, but God's glorious, Holy Word is everlasting, as are all who put their trust in it.

Because of an "old book" we can have a "new birth."

# ANSWERS TO THE MESSAGE



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