

EAT THIS BOOK

1 Peter 1:13–2:3 (p. 1886)

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*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

The motivation for holiness

*For you know that it is not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed . . .
but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

1 Peter 1:81-20 (referring back to Leviticus 19:2)

Are Christ's blood and righteousness my motivation for holiness?

Holiness

*Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers,
love one another deeply, from the heart.* 1 Peter 1:22

What is my "fervently" index?

The nature of the word of God

. . . but the word of the Lord stands forever. And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:25 (quoting Isaiah 40:6-8)

Is the Word knowable, necessary and enough for me?

Holy Hunger: Keeping the Word central

*. . . to teach you that man does not live by bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.*

Deuteronomy 8:3 (quoted by Jesus in Luke 4:4)

- 1) Watch out for DISPUTABLE MATTERS
- 2) Eat God's Word IN COMMUNITY
- 3) Cultivate AN APPETITE for the Word

Further study of 1 Peter

Bob Deffenbaugh's sermon on 1 Peter 1:22-23 at <https://bible.org/seriespage/enduring-word-1-peter-122-23>

Belgic Confession, Articles II-VII, at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession> De Bres' discussion of the sufficiency of the Word to salvation (Article VII) is especially helpful.

Spurgeon's "New Life" at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-new-nature#flipbook/>

Ligon Duncan sermons on 1 Peter at <https://www.fpcjackson.org/resource-library/sermons/by-scripture/1-peter>

Alexander Maclaren's introduction to 1 Peter at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>

Belgic Confession

Article 7: The Sufficiency of Scripture

We believe that this Holy Scripture contains
the will of God completely
and that everything one must believe
to be saved is sufficiently taught in it.

For since the entire manner of service
which God requires of us
is described in it at great length, no one—
even an apostle or an angel from heaven,
as Paul says—² ought to teach other than
what the Holy Scriptures have already taught us.

For since it is forbidden to add to the Word of God,
or take anything away from it,³ it is plainly demonstrated
that the teaching is perfect
and complete in all respects.

Therefore we must not consider human writings—
no matter how holy their authors may have been—
equal to the divine writings; nor may we put custom,
nor the majority, nor age, nor the passage of times or persons,
nor councils, decrees, or official decisions
above the truth of God,
for truth is above everything else.

For all human beings are liars by nature
and more vain than vanity itself.

Therefore we reject with all our hearts
everything that does not agree with this infallible rule,

as we are taught to do by the apostles when they say,
"Test the spirits to see whether they are from God,"⁴

and also, "Do not receive into the house
or welcome anyone who comes to you
and does not bring this teaching."⁵

²Gal. 1:8 ³Deut. 12:32; Rev. 22:18-19

⁴1 John 4:1 ⁵2 John 10