

The Epistle of First Peter
"The Dynamic of the Word of God"
1 Peter 1:22-25

- Intro. 1. The Bible has a central place in the mind of God. Its existence points up this fact.
2. Fundamental believers on Christ do not trust in traditions, ecclesiastical encyclicals and denominational platforms in the same manner in which they believe the Bible.
3. Peter lists four facts about the Bible:
1. The Bible Gospelizes, v. 25.
Here is a potent strike against the opinions of men, the philosophies of thinkers, the moral and ethical teachings of the religionists.
 - a. About God--the word of the Lord.
 - b. About men--unto you.
 - c. About Christ--this is noted in the verb.
 2. The Bible Regenerates, v. 23
The thought here is that we are not concerned with reformation, confirmation, or anything initiated by men. A thorough-going regeneration is involved! This is:
 - a. Medial--by the Word of God.
 - b. Crucial--being born again.
 3. The Bible Purifies, v. 22.
This is a unique feature of the Bible. It actually does something to the one who really believes it.
 - a. Instrumentally--in obeying the truth.
 - b. Inwardly--your souls.
 - c. Intensely--unto unfeigned love.
 4. The Bible Endures, v. 25.
There are three forthright statements which are affirmed here:
 - a. It lives--lives forever.
 - b. It lasts--abideth forever.
 - c. It lifts--Word of the Lord.
- Conclusion: This very night the Bible has Gospelized you. You may be regenerated by it if you trust Christ as your Saviour. Its purifying properties will be experienced by you as you obey it.