

# Transformed to love

*Genuine Christians have been born again in order to LOVE others* 1 Peter 1:23-25

*Introduction:*

*22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart*

## **#1 God gave you a totally NEW LIFE** 23

*for you have been born again*

*1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments*

*John 3:3 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

*John 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Your new life is PERMANENT** 23b

*for you have been born again not of SEED which is perishable but imperishable*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Your new life is GUARANTEED in Divine writing** 23c

*through the living and enduring word of God.*

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

*Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.*

## **#2 God answered your desperate NEED through the gospel 24-25a**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Your current life is TEMPORARY and frail 24**

*24 For, "All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers, And the flower falls off,*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> But your new life through the gospel is ETERNAL 25a**

*But the word of the Lord endures forever."*

## **#3 God proclaimed the only GOSPEL to you 25b**

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

**One - It is the WORD OF GOD that God uses to change lives**

**Two - God has met all your greatest needs, look to Him FIRST**

**Three - Only by remembering the GOSPEL will you love properly**

*To know His love, turn to Christ, then depend on His Spirit*

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