

A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

When God Adds His Word

"You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God." 1 Peter 1:23

Two Categories of God's Word - SOS

- **Law: Shows our Sin**
- **Gospel: Shows our Savior**

God Adds His Word To...

- Water and it is baptism.
- Our pride and rebellion and there is judgement
- Our repentant hearts and there is forgiveness
- Our fears and there is hope and courage.
- Our Sorrows and there is joy and peace.
- Our confusion and doubt and sheds light on our path.
- Our death and it becomes eternal life.
- Bread and wine and it becomes the Lord's Supper.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

1 Peter 1:22-25

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

John 8:31-39

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.” ³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did,