

1 Peter

Living and Hoping as Exiles

Born Again for Genuine Love (1 Peter 1:22-2:3)

READ 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

The living Word of God implanted within believers brings a new, unbreakable life—a life that naturally reveals itself through love for both God's people and God's truth. To reach their promised destination, Christians must walk side by side, continually nourished by and trusting in Scripture, so that they may truly become God's people by practising genuine love toward one another.

Main Lesson: Since believers have been born again they must long to grow in their love for God which both demands and empowers their love for others.

Questions:

1. The word love is one of the most used and misunderstood words in the English language. How might the world define what love is?
2. A. Jesus commanded His disciples to “love one another: just as I have loved you” (John 13:34). Provide a Biblical definition of true love. Consider 1 Cor 13:1-7.

B. How does 1:22 and 2:1 help provide a further understanding of what Biblical love is and isn't? See also 1 Pet 4:8.

3. Given the situation Peter's original audience faced, why was this kind of love both important and difficult?
4. Do you agree with this statement: a person cannot truly love until they have been born again (vv. 22-23)? Why/why not?
5. How does knowing the Word of God is imperishable (1:23-25) help you to love others even though it might be very costly?
6. Is there a difference between loving and liking? Must we like all fellow believers?
7. Explain what Peter means in 2:2-3 regarding spiritual milk. How does viewing God's Word in this way encourage you in your sanctification? Should we read the Word only when we're motivated or even when we don't feel like it? Why?
8. Are there certain people you really struggle to love? How might you apply the lessons learnt in this study? Will you pray for God's help?

STOP AND PRAY:

Adore: the Lord for His abounding love toward His people whom He has redeemed
Thank: God for His living and abiding Word that is able to mature us in salvation
Pray: that you would grow in your love for others as you trust and depend upon God