

## 1 Peter 1: 22 – 2: 3

### Study Questions

1. In this section Peter describes holiness in relation to our dealings with people. Our attitude towards them depends not on how “likeable” they are, but the process of transformation in us (purified yourselves v.22). How does that happen? See Acts 15: 9, John 15:3, James 4:8
2. The world loves on the basis of feeling. Peter says love begins with “obeying the truth.” How is obedience the beginning point? See Ezekiel 36:26 and Galatians 5:13-16.
3. How is “sincere love” measured? See Romans 12: 9-10, James 2:15-16, 1 John 3:14-19, 4: 20-21 What does Peter mean by “love one another deeply”? This is what Epaphras does when he prays in Colossians 4:12 (check several different translations). This is also how the NT church prayed in Acts 12:5.
4. What is the difference between “brotherly love” (sincere love) and “agape love” (love one another deeply)? What stretches us to show unconditional, sacrificial love? 1 John 3:16
5. Our growth in expressing love is based upon the certainty of God’s working in our heart through His Word. How are our feeble beginnings at showing God’s love like the spring flowers? See verse 24.
6. What oversees and guarantees our progress in the Christian life? See verse 25 How was that reinforced by Peter’s readers? What does this mean for you in terms of personal Bible study and regular hearing God’s Word preached? See 2 Peter 1:19, Psalm 119: 9-11; Psalm 1:1-3, 1 John 1:3, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 and Ephesians 2:17
7. As Peter reasons that the “offspring” should have the same nature as the “seed” which produced it. What elements of the old man are left behind as we grow in Christian love:
  - Malice-1 Cor. 14:20
  - Deceit- Ps 34:14; John 1:47; 1 Thes 2:3
  - Hypocrisy- Matt 15:7-8; Mark 12:15
  - Envy- 1 Sam 18:8-9; Ps 73:3
  - Slander- James 4:11; Pro 30:10
8. 1 Peter 2:2 is not talking about basic Christian teaching but the attitude of believers towards the Bible and the treasure of the Gospel. How are they like newborn babies at feeding time? See Deuteronomy 8:3 and Proverbs 16:26. How is God’s Word true nourishment? Isaiah 49:10; Psalm 19:7-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Peter 3:18