

1 Peter 1:22-2:3 | Love Jesus? Then Love His Church

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²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 2:1-3

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

QUESTIONS

1. Why do Christians sometimes struggle to truly love other believers, even those in the same church? What do you think is the real problem?

2. Read 1:22-25. In v.22, Peter tells the believers to “love one another deeply.” In your own words, explain *why* we are able to do.

3. In 2:1, Peter lists some attitudes and behaviours that we need to rid ourselves of. Why do you think he focuses on these particular ones? What can we do guard ourselves against such sins?

4. Share briefly with your CG: how have you recently encountered God's love through the encouragement or care of another believer? How did it make you feel?

5. From this passage, what is the main thing that you sense the Lord might be wanting you to apply in your own life? How can the CG be praying for you?