

# 1 Peter 1:22-2:1

## Love One Another

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# Be ye holy

## Peter on holiness

- 1:14:16 – *As obedient children...be holy*
- 2:5 – *...a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*
- 2:9 – *But you are...a holy nation...so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him...<sup>1</sup>*

## Paul summarizing<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter

- 1 Timothy 1:8-11:
  - *8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and **called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity....***

<sup>1</sup>notice the connection with mercy

<sup>2</sup>so to speak

## Washed and clean

*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*

- Various translations:

- KJV – *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit so that you have sincere love for each other*
- NIV – *Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters*
- ESV – *Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love*
- Darby – *Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth to unfeigned brotherly love*
- Wuest – *Having purified your souls by means of your obedience to the truth, resulting in not an assumed but a genuine affection and fondness for the brethren, an affection and fondness that springs from your hearts by reason of the pleasure you take in them*

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- Points of note:
  - This relates to a past action
  - Purification is a result of obedience
  - Obedience is to the truth<sup>3</sup>
  - Purification results in love
- *Obedience* – to place oneself under; to listen
  - 1:2 – obedience to Jesus Christ
  - 1:14 – obedience to the Father
- *Truth*
  - John 17:17 – *Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*
  - In context, the truth is specifically the power of the resurrection<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>What is truth?

<sup>4</sup>please correct me if I'm wrong

# Love, true love

*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*

- *Sincere*

- Romans 12:9 – *Let love be without hypocrisy*
- James 3:1- – *But the wisdom from above is...without hypocrisy*
- Wuest: “an affection and fondness that springs from your hearts by reason of the pleasure you take in them”

- *Love of the brethren* – greek. *philadelphia*

- John 13:35 – *By this all men will know that you are My disciples...*
- 1 John 3:13 – *...believe in the name ...and love one another...*

- *Fervently* – stretched out, continual, intense<sup>5</sup>

- Luke 22:44 – *...[Christ] was praying very fervently...*

- Since love is the result of your holiness, you should really love<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Zodhiates

<sup>6</sup>my paraphrase

# Live forever or die trying

*23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God*

- *Born again*

- 1:3 – *Born again to a living hope*
- It's all about the resurrection, both past and present!
  - For past see 2 Corinthians 5:17
  - For future see 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
- *Imperishable*
  - Reiterates 1:4

- *Through the living and enduring word of God*

- *Word = logos*
- John 1:1-4 – *In him [the logos] was life...*
- Romans 1:16 – *...the gospel...is the power of God unto salvation*
- Hebrews 4:21 – *For the word of God is living and active...*

## It endures

*24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER."  
And this is the word which was preached to you.*

- Peter is quoting/paraphrasing from Isaiah 40
  - Peter references the OT as much as any other NT writer<sup>7</sup>
- Everything else fades away:
  - Matthew 24:25 – *Heaven and earth will pass away...*
  - James 1:11 – *...the rich man [will] fade away...*<sup>8</sup>
  - James 4:14 – *...You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.*
- What does the permanence of God's word mean for us?

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<sup>7</sup>outside of John in Revelation

<sup>8</sup>both James & Peter quote Isaiah in talking about trials

## Bringing it back home

*2:1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander*

- Does this fit with the preceding or proceeding verses?
  - *Therefore* connects with both 1:3-12 & 1:22-25
  - Because of the power of the Word, which produces love in us...
- *Putting aside*
  - Colossians 3:5-8 – this is a past event
- *All malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander*
  - Some of those are plurals – hypocrisies, envies, and slanders
  - How can these impede the spiritual growth?
- What does love look like, and what does it not look like?
  - And what does philadelphia have to do with spiritual growth?