

Series: Aliens & Sojourners—1 Peter

Text: 1 Pet. 1:22–25

Title: Love Straight from the Heart

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Lesson: 6

Summary of 1:3–12:

- Our ‘new begetting’ gives us immeasurable blessings we can look forward to in the end.
- That future hope enables us to endure any suffering in the meantime because trials prove our faith is real and because proven faith brings Christ the most glory.
- Christ’s glory is our chief motivation if we truly love Him.

THEREFORE...Four commands in 1:13–25:

1. Fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
2. Be holy in all your behavior.
3. Conduct yourselves in fear.

I. The Fourth Command: Fervently Love One Another from the Heart (v22)

- If we have _____ our souls...
- ...by _____ to the truth...
- ...unto a _____ love for the brethren...
- ...then _____ by truly loving each other!
 - The more we _____ spiritual fruits, the more they will _____.
 - God isn't just commanding us to _____ loving things; they're supposed to flow out of real _____ for believers around us.
- Four ways we can cultivate love for our church:
 1. Read _____
 2. Pray for _____
 3. Prioritize _____
 4. Put others _____

Phil. 2:3–4 – Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

II. Your Source of Life Is Permanent (vv23–25)

- We've been _____.
 - New life is what enables us to love one another!

- The source of this new life is _____
(cf. 1:4; 1:18–19; 1:23; 3:3–4).
 - A permanent source of life shouldn't have died already!

- This permanent source of new life is:
 - The Word –

 - Living –

*Heb. 4:12 – For the word of God is **living** and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

- Of God –

- Enduring –

Rom. 10:17 – *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

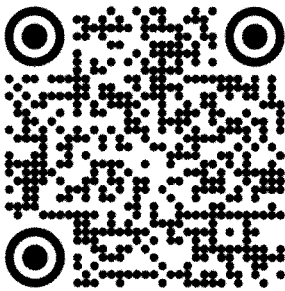
- The flesh is _____, but God's Word lasts forever!
 - We can't fall prey to the whims and weaknesses of our faith that is passing away; we should be living out the new life we have from God's permanent Word.
- The Word of God is found in the _____.
 - *Logos* –
 - *Rhema* –
 - If it isn't in there, it's NOT God's Word!

What do we do with this text?

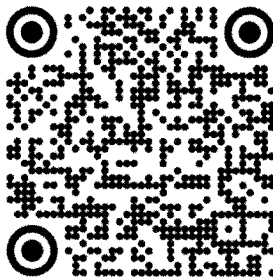
1. Those who have truly been given _____ through God's Word WILL love their brothers and sisters in Christ in _____ ways.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

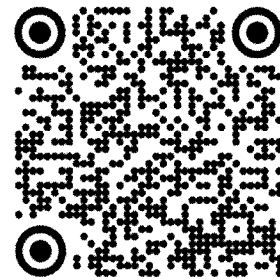
1. How does salvation produce love for our brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. How can you apply the ideas from the sermon to cultivate more of that love in yourself? Can you think of any others?
3. How are you tempted to live in your dying flesh instead of in new life from the Word?
4. What else do you hear called the Word of God (or some variation of that) other than the Bible? How would you respond to that?
5. In what ways is God challenging you to love your church more actively?



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