

Born to Love

I Peter 1:22-25

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The great need in our lives is to know God, Jesus Christ, and His grace. A Christian is one who has been in touch with God and His grace. We were designed for love, real love, to love God and one another. We have been overwhelmed by His love when He gave His Son at the cross. "This is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!" I Peter 5:12

1. A. "You've been born again. You've been born into a new family. You've been transformed by His love. You're a new creature. Now fervently love one another." (Quote from Scott's sermon)
I Peter 1:3, 23, 4:8

B. Hope completely in Him and that hope will issue forth a holiness of life, a love for the brethren. How is it that we can hope completely in Him?
I Peter 1:13-22

C. What did Jesus have to say about love?
Matthew 22:34-40, Deuteronomy 6:5, Leviticus 19:18

2. A. What is the emphasis of I Peter 1:22?

B. What does it mean to "fervently love one another"?
Galatians 5:14, John 13:34-35, 15:12, I Timothy 1:5

C. How should this love for one another play out in our lives?
Ephesians 4:29-32, I Corinthians 13:4-8a

3. A. What has happened to the believer in I Peter 1:22?

B. "Purified your souls"; Loving the brethren is part of the sanctification process in our lives. Rehearsing the gospel in our hearts and minds is "obedience to the truth" just as Peter has done in this chapter. Review the truth of the gospel.
I Peter 1:17-21, Galatians 4:4-7, I Peter 2:21-25, II Corinthians 5:21,
I John 3:5-10, Matthew 20:28, Romans 8:1-4

C. Peter never got over the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It changed his life forever. How about you?
I Peter 2:21, Acts 2:22-24, 3:12-16, 4:8-12, I Peter 1:3, Philippians 2:8-11

4. A. Look at our text again, verses 21-22 of I Peter. There is an "if, then" there. What is it?
I John 4:7, 5:1

B. Something happened to us when we came to saving faith in Christ. What was it?
I Peter 2:23

C. God has a purpose in causing us to be "born again." What is it?
I Peter 2:22, John 15:8-13