

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY AND SINCERELY!

1 PETER 1:22-2:3

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*“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you. So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (1 Peter 1:22–2:3, ESV)*

**As a passionate follower of Christ I am to learn to**

**1. Love other Christians as family.**

*“Love each other deeply with all your heart.” (1 Peter 1:22, NLT)*

**2. This kind of love only possible through the new birth.**

*“For you have been born again, ....” (1 Peter 1:23, NLT)*

**3. This kind of love is possible only through spiritual growth.**

**4. This kind of love is inevitable with spiritual growth.**

*“So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,” (1 Peter 2:1–2, NLT)*

a. When people violate me there are three possibilities.

a.i. I go after them to hurt and hate them.

a.ii. I don't do anything about it and hate them.

a.iii. I go after them and love them.

a.iii.1. Turning the other cheek isn't allowing people to walk all over you.

*“Instantly Ananias the high priest commanded those close to Paul to slap him on the mouth. But Paul said to him, “God will slap you, you corrupt hypocrite! What kind of judge are you to break the law yourself by ordering me struck like that?” (Acts 23:2–3, NLT)*

*“If I have done something worthy of death, I don't refuse to die. But if I am innocent, no one has a right to turn me over to these men to kill me. I appeal to Caesar!” (Acts 25:11, NLT)*

*“Jesus replied, “If I said anything wrong, you must prove it. But if I'm speaking the truth, why are you beating me?” (John 18:23, NLT)*

b. There are three tests for my faith.

b.i. Doctrinal test

b.ii. Moral test

b.iii. Social test

b.iv. *“You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.” (1 Peter 1:22, NLT)*

**5. The Gospel means I am sinner and that I am loved and accepted.**

## Growthwork

1. My love must be sincere.
2. My love must be deep.

*“Love each other deeply with all your heart.”* (1 Peter 1:22, NLT)

*“But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”* (Mark 11:25, NLT)