



A COMMAND TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1 Peter 1:22-25

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Good morning Church! Since God planned, revealed and provided His saving grace, children of that grace have discovered hope, are called to obey, to be set apart / holy, to fear God and be faithful to God's redemptive plan that He established long before the foundations of the earth. Peter continues to exhort & teach believers to live out their new life in vv 22-25.

1Peter 1:22-25

"22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you."

1. Loving ONE ANOTHER is God's COMMAND. (v 22)

*"And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **Matthew 22:37-39***

- To be obedient to the TRUTH is to be obedient to God's COMMANDS in daily living.

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."

Romans 12:10

- Only those souls who have been SAVED have the capacity to LOVE unconditionally.

2. LOVING One Another is a RESULT of REBIRTH. (v 23)

*“For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.” **1 John 3:11***

- The HOLY SPIRIT uses the WORD to produce NEW BIRTH in believers that is everlasting.
- Our new birth in CHRIST is what ENABLES us to LOVE one another.

*“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*
Hebrews 10:24-25

3. God's WORD is VITAL and PERMANENT. (v 24-25)

- If we are truly born ANEW, we will live with God FOREVER.

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” **John 13:35***

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*