



I Peter 1:22-25
SALVATION DEMANDS LOVE

1. The Premise: the Choosing of Brotherly Love. 22a.

- A. You chose to **obey** the truth. *in obeying the truth*
- B. Your choice was **empowered** by God's Spirit. *through the Spirit*
- C. Your choice **purified** your soul. *Seeing ye have purified your souls*
- D. Your choice brought you to a sincere **love** of others who have made this choice—"the brethren." *unto unfeigned love of the brethren*

2. The Instruction: the Command for Brotherly Love. 22b.

- A. Love other believers on **purpose**. *see that ye love one another*
- B. Love other believers with sincere **motives**. *with a pure heart*
- C. Love other believers with **intensity**. *fervently*

3. The Seed: the Character of Brotherly Love. 23-25.

- A. Your new birth comes from **incorruptible** seed.
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible
- B. Your new birth comes from **eternal** seed.
by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever
 - i. In contrast, human life is **temporary**, as the grass.
For all flesh is as grass... The grass withereth
 - ii. The **blessings** of human life are temporary, as the grass.
and all the glory of man as the flower of grass... and the flower thereof falleth away
- C. Your salvation is as **durable** as God's Word.
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever
- D. All of the benefits of your salvation are **packaged** in the Gospel.
And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you

Summary: The chain of logic in verses 22-25:

- 1. God's eternal Word has given you a new **birth**.
- 2. Your new birth has given you a new **family**.
- 3. Your new family comes with a new **love**.

Righteousness must come before peace.