

LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 6

A SINCERE LOVE THAT IS SHAPED BY HOLINESS

What Wondrous Love Is This

(1 Peter 1:22-25)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER CONTEXT:

1. The **Revelation** of the Gospel: **How It Came** to Us: (1:10-12)

“As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you...”

2. The **Ramifications** of the Gospel: **What It Means** to Us: (1:13-25)

“Therefore...” (v. 13a)

a. A **Settled Hope** that **Leads** to Holiness. (v. 13-21)

*“As **obedient children**, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves also in all your behavior...**”*

- *This passage provides the **basis for our sanctification, a motivation to our sanctification, and the means of our sanctification.***

*“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, **righteousness and sanctification and redemption...**”*

—1 Corinthians 1:30

b. A **Sincere Love** that is **Shaped** by Holiness. (v. 22-25)

*“Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls **for a sincere love of the brethren**, fervently **love one another** from the heart...”*

THE POINT:

- *It is God's intention, as a consequence of our being “born again to a living hope”, that we not only be _____ to the _____ of Christ, but that we also be _____ to His _____.*

1A. THIS LOVE IS A _____ LOVE.

*"Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for **you have been born again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring 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 OFF,
BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER."*

And this is the word which was preached to you."

"Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;"

—1 Thessalonians 4:9

2A. THIS LOVE IS A _____ LOVE.

"...for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart..."

3A. THIS LOVE IS A _____ LOVE.

"...fervently love one another..."

CONCLUSION:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

—John 13:34, 35

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

—John 15:12