



## Reflection Questions

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Outstretched Love

1 Peter 1:11-2:3

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This week, we return to 1 Peter, exploring the call to love God and others amidst a world that often opposes truth. Peter reminds us that our salvation, secured through Christ's sacrifice, empowers us to live with outstretched arms, reflecting God's imperishable love despite the risks.

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### Reflection Questions:

1. How often do you meditate on the truth of God's love for you as demonstrated through the gospel? What practical steps can you take to remind yourself daily of His sacrificial love?
2. What specific areas in your life hinder your love for God, and how can you ask Him to help you grow in this area?
3. The concept of "arms outstretched" implies vulnerability in loving others. In what relationships or situations do you find it difficult to be vulnerable, and how can you trust God's love to help you take that risk?
4. Peter connects obedience to the truth with sincere brotherly love. How does your obedience to God's Word influence the way you love those around you, particularly in challenging relationships?
5. Peter compares longing for God's Word to an infant's cry for milk. How regularly are you engaging with Scripture, and what changes could you make to ensure your soul is consistently nourished by the "pure spiritual milk" of the gospel?
6. Peter lists malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander as behaviors to put away. Which of these "relational poisons" do you struggle with most, and what steps can you take to address them through the power of the Holy Spirit?
7. How do you respond when faced with hostility or rejection for your faith, and how can Peter's encouragement to persevere inspire you to stand firm?
8. In what practical ways can you demonstrate earnest, sacrificial love to others this week, both within and outside the church, to reflect Christ's love?
9. In what practical ways can our church function as an "embassy" to equip us for sharing Jesus' love and truth with the world?