

“Growing-Up into Salvation”

Text: I Peter 2:1-3

Scripture reading: I John 4:7-21

I. Casting aside hindrances, to love – vs. 1

1. Malice:

2. Deceit:

3. Hypocrisy:

4. Envy:

5. Slander:

II. Desiring the pure Word, to love – vs. 2 (I Cor. 3:1-2; Heb. 5:12-14)

1. Desire:

2. Purity: (Ps. 19:8; Col. 2:6-8, 9, 2-3)

3. Maturity: (Phil. 2:12-13)

III. Valuing the goodness of God, to love – vs. 3 (Ps. 34:8)

Conclusion:

1) Christian love is not the _____ as the _____.

2) Christian love must be _____ of our _____ to God's _____.

3) Christian love _____ with those who value the _____ of God.

“They that love God would have Him be all that He is – as He is and nothing else – and would be themselves like Him.”
-John Owen; English Puritan, church leader; 1616-1683

SERMON QUOTES:

I. Casting aside hindrances, to love – vs. 1

David Helm on the 5 sins of vs. 1,

“They all undo other people. They destroy relationships.”

Peter Davids on the 5 sins, they are...

“...not the grosser vices of paganism, but community-destroying vices that are often tolerated by the modern church.”

1. Malice:

J. B. Lightfoot identifies malice as

“...the vicious nature which is bent on doing harm to others.”

5. Slander:

Thomas Schreiner describes slander as...

“Well-timed words that carry insinuations about others are often all that is necessary.”