

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

We must turn to a purified people for a permanent love.

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

- 1 Peter 1:22

You are the purified people when you enter “the gap”.

- John 15:13
- 1 Peter 1:22

Our love is permanent because its origin is permanent.

- 1 Peter 1:22-25
- 1 Peter 2:1

A permanent love puts away distrust.

- 1 Peter 2:1
- 1 Peter 2:2-3

Grow your permanent love in the permanent word.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Thanksgiving is this Thursday. With what traditions does your family celebrate?
2. **Read John 13:34-35.** How does this perspective on love challenge common notions of expressing love through gifts, words, or actions? Describe a personal experience of witnessing or being the recipient of sacrificial love?
3. **Read Mark 10:29-30.** How might this promise influence our perspective on sacrifices made for our faith? How have you personally experienced God's blessings in unexpected ways when you've made sacrifices for His kingdom?
4. **Read 1 Peter 2:1.** What are some common reasons people hesitate to “take off” attitudes like malice, deceit, and envy within the church family? How can this group encourage one another to shed these negative behaviors and foster a healthier community?
5. **Read 1 Peter 2:1-2.** Verse 1 tells us to rid ourselves of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander. According to verse 2, how do we do that?
6. How do you maintain a consistent appetite for the goodness of the Lord in your life, especially during challenging seasons? Are there specific practices or habits that help you continually taste and experience God's goodness?
7. Who is one person you can show love to this week? What kind of sacrifice might it require from you (time, treasure, or other)?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!* Psalm 34:8

READ: *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges OR *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* by Timothy Keller