

“YOU ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER FERVENTLY”

(1 Peter 1:22)

I. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS/TRIALS NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU. (1 Peter 1:1-12)

II. YOUR GREAT SALVATION AND PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION... (1:13–2:10)

A. In Your Relationship Toward GOD. (1:13-21)

B. In Your Relationship Toward OTHER BELIEVERS. (1:22-25)

1. The priority is to _____ . (1:22)

a. _____ The Greek words for “love” are...

(1) “_____” – a sexual kind of love

(2) “_____” – natural affection

(3) “_____” – friendship / family love involving rapport and compatibility (conditional and reciprocal)

(4) “_____” – sacrificial love for another’s good (unconditional / volitional)

a. The definition of agape love in the Christian life is...
Choosing to do what’s best for _____, in light of _____, despite what it may cost _____ personally.

b. The source of agape is the power of the _____. (Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22)

c. The standard for agape love is the _____. (2 John 4-6)

d. The importance of agape love is observed by it being instructed/commanded over _____ times in the New Testament.

* When did you receive the capacity to love other believers? (1:22a)

* How did you “*purify your souls*”? (1:22b)

* What is one of the purposes of regeneration? (1:22c)

* Who are you to express agape love toward? (1:22d)

* How are you to love other believers? (1:22e)

* Why are you to love other Christians? (1:23a)

* How does all this apply to you?