



TITLE: THE GOOD NEWS OF THE
WORD
TEXT: 1ST PETER 1:22-2:3
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I. Introduction

If you have ever experienced or participated in the giving of yourself toward the genuine care of others, you soon realize that it a daily joy as a Christian.

II. Earnest Love Within Us (v. 1:22)

- a. God's _____ wrath was on Jesus
- b. We can now be _____ loving too (Rom. 5:5)

III. Eternal Seed (vv. 1:23-25)

- a. Fragile in the _____, strong in the Lord
- b. Seeds _____ for new life

IV. Eager for Maturity (2:1-3)

- a. _____ for God's Word in our hearts
- b. _____ up in the faith, craving the Word

V. Conclusion

The striving Peter wants us to follow is through the path of biblical love, to grow up loving others the way God loves us.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
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Kick Starters...

1. Share a tough lesson you learned in life.
2. Have you ever carried someone's burden or had someone carry yours?

Entertain the text

3. Read over any of text mentioned this week as needed and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations, make notes in your Bible, use cross-Scripture as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. How does knowing what Jesus did for us at the Cross make it easy for us to love him in return?
5. Why do we so often fail to love Jesus well? List some reasons together.

6. Loving one another the way Jesus loves us is consistent with our faith's basis—sacrificial love. How easy/difficult is it for you to be sacrificially loving toward others?
7. Christians have two births—physical and spiritual. How are related/how are they different? How is God involved?
8. Look at 1st Pet. 2:1 together. Discuss this thought: Based on God's word, are *any* in the list justifiable by anyone at *any* time?
9. We were all physical infants at one time and grew. Why is this also important in our spiritual lives (growing and maturing)?

Execute the text

10. When we are maturing in Christ together, there will be a longing within us to be more and more grown-up in our faith and in our relationship with God and each other. How will you focus more on this beginning right now?