

A Study of 1 Peter: “Following Jesus Through a Foreign Land”

Sermon Title: “Loving One Another”

Reference: 1 Peter 1:22-25

Context: Peter is writing to scattered, suffering Christians facing increased persecution. They are in need of encouragement and instruction as they live out their earthly pilgrimage in a hostile environment. 1:13-2:10 highlights at least six responsibilities Christians have been given as the result of God’s great salvation. 1:22-25 focuses on loving one another in the church.

Sermon in a Sentence: *“Christians are responsible for actively and genuinely loving one another”* **Main Points:**

I. The ability to love is a gift from God’s Spirit. (Vs 22)

Ref. Ezekiel 36:25-27; Romans 1:5; Acts 2:38; 1 John 4:19-21; Galatians 5:22

II. The focus of our love should be centered on God’s people. (Vs. 22)

Ref. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; John 13:35; Galatians 6:10 III.

The nature of love has been defined within God’s Word. (Vs. 22)

- We are commanded to love biblically.
- We are commanded to love sincerely.
- We are commanded to love earnestly.
- We are commanded to love honorably.

Ref. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6; John 15:13; 1 John 3:18; Romans 12:9; Acts 12:5; Romans 12:10

IV. The reason to love is based on God’s eternal plan. (Vs. 23-25)

Ref. Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 Corinthians 13:8

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?