

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1 Peter 1:22 – 2:3

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER EARNESTLY

→ **Because LOVING ONE ANOTHER is one of the primary purposes of God's Covenant Community of which you are a member (1:22).<sup>1</sup>**

**1 PETER 1:22 (ESV)**

*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,*

→ **Because you are born of God; to LOVE OTHERS is in your spiritual DNA (1:23-25).**

**1 PETER 1:23–25 (ESV)**

*...love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.” <sup>2</sup> And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

**IF WE LONG FOR THE LORD, HE WILL GROW US  
UP IN LOVING ONE ANOTHER**

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 40:6-8

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→ **To grow in LOVING ONE ANOTHER we must stop doing unloving things to each other (2:1).**

1 PETER 2:1–3 (ESV)

*So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.*

→ **To grow in LOVING ONE ANOTHER we must long for the Lord and His life to be lived through us (2:2-3).<sup>3</sup>**

1 PETER 2:2–3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> *Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—* <sup>3</sup> *if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

### ***GRACE NEWS AND NEEDS***

**Women's Ministry:** *Ladies' Tea, Saturday, June 15, 10:00 A.M.*

**Promotion Sunday:** *Children and Youth will promote to their next grade level on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**VOM Needs for June:** *Bar soap in paper (not box), nail clippers.*

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<sup>3</sup> But when Peter exhorts them to crave spiritual milk, he is not telling them to crave the word of God, as if commanding them to listen to more sermons or to read more Scripture, as good and even necessary as those activities may be. He is saying that God in Christ alone both conceives and sustains the life of the new birth. They are to crave the Lord God for spiritual nourishment. They have tasted the goodness of the Lord in their conversion, but there is more to be had. The more-of-the-Lord-to-be-had by Peter's readers involves putting off all evil and all deceit and hypocrisies and jealousies, and all backbiting (2:1). Refusal to do so would stunt their growth in the new life.<sup>3</sup>