

Love from a Pure Heart

A Study of 1 Peter

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Key Truth: God's holy people are marked by a sincere love that is sustained by the power of the gospel.

In these four verses, Peter continues his instructions to his readers in the context of their being Hopeful and Holy People. Since they are born-again believers in Christ, they're pure, undefiled, and imperishable. On the basis of that reality, Peter exhorts them to "love one another earnestly from a pure heart" (v. 22b). But how are we to do that on our own? We must rely on gospel power to make it happen.

DISCUSS

Read **1 Peter 1:22-25** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "**Love from a Pure Heart.**"

DIG IN

1. We Love because we have been Purified. (1 Peter 1:22)

In what ways have believers been purified in contrast to the lives of unbelievers?

How does this purity of soul influence how we love one another? Give examples.

2. We Love because we have been Born Again. (1 Peter 1:23a)

Read v. 23: How is a person born through "perishable seed?" How, then is a person born again through an "imperishable" seed?

How does our new birth make us different from others in the world?

3. Natural Love Withers but Gospel Love Abides forever. (1 Peter 1:23b-25)

Why does our natural love for one another seem to fade?

How does studying God's Word promote growth in love for one another? Do you know of instances where someone has known the Scriptures but does not love?

Why is the preached Word so important in helping us grow in our love for one another (v. 25)?

DO

In what ways will you personally put what you have learned through this sermon into practice this week?