

LOVE ONE ANOTHER FERVENTLY
1 Peter 1:22-25

INTRODUCTION:

Today's message – Love One Another Fervently tells us that: The Holy Spirit loved us and brought us to Christ. This same Spirit has planted within us a Love for the People of God.

- “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 John 3:16).

In this message, we will meditate on four (4) imperatives of Christians Loving One Another Fervently:

- I. **THE BASIS OF OUR LOVE** (v. 22a)
 - A. Purified Means to Make Clean, to Sanctify (1 John 1:9)
 - B. The Believer will Stand before God Justified – (Not Guilty)
 - C. The Purification of the Believer's Soul is Achieved through Obedience to the Truth (1 Cor 15:3-4; Matt 22:37; Matt 7:12)
 - D. When a Person Walks in the Light of the Truth, the Spirit Cleanses his Soul through the Blood of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:7)

- II. **THE NATURE OF OUR LOVE** (v. 22b)
 - A. Fervent Love (Agape Love) implies stretching or straining, indicating that such love requires effort and sacrifice.
 - B. Characteristics of Love (1 Cor 13:4-8)

- III. **THE SOURCE OF OUR LOVE** (v. 23)
 - A. Peter referenced being Born-Again Two Times (1 Pet 1:3, 23)
 - B. All Believers have been spiritually Born-Again and spiritually remade – a new creation (2 Cor 5:17; 1 John 5:1).

- IV. **THE PERMANENCE OF OUR LOVE** (vv. 24-25)
 - A. Peter Reminded the Believers that Life is Short
 - B. The Word of God will Last Forever (Isa 40:8)
 - C. The Believer Lives Forever
 - D. Believers Receive the Word of God into their Lives (Ps 119:89; John 5:24)

CONCLUSION:

- A. The Enduring Word (by C.H. Spurgeon – Bible Hub)
- B. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).