

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. – **I Peter 1:22-25**

I. We should love with a different love.

QUESTION: What does it mean to love with a sincere love?

ANSWER: It means not to pretend or act, to be without hypocrisy.

QUESTION: What brings us together as the church?

ANSWER: It is our new birth not our religious affiliation.

QUESTION: What binds us together?

ANSWER: Our love for Christ and our love for each other.

II. We need to be born again.

Our new birth into God's kingdom makes all the difference. Why?

⇒ It is not man-made.

⇒ Your salvation does not come from a corruptible seed that will die.

⇒ Your new life, your new birth comes from an incorruptible imperishable seed.

III. We need to be changed by the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

The two agents working in your lives that have changed you they are the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, – **Titus 3:5**

What does a life look like that has been changed by the Holy Spirit?

- 1) It will endure wrong with humility.
- 2) It will not call attention to ourselves.
- 3) It cares about others.
- 4) It receives correction without becoming defensive.
- 5) It is happy and rejoice with others successes.
- 6) It blesses those who curse us and does good to those who despise us.

What does a life look like that has been changed by the Word of God?

Questions to ask yourself?

1. Do I see the **truth** _____ in the gospel message?
2. Do I feel a need to **repent** _____ and be **forgiven** _____?
3. Do I recognize that I have fallen **short** _____ of God's perfection?
4. Do I **hunger** _____ for God's Word?
Do I have a desire to grow?
5. Have I **received** _____ God's gift of grace through Christ?
6. Am I putting my **trust** _____ and **faith** _____ in Christ and in Christ **alone** _____?

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. - **Romans 13:13**

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith. - **Romans 1:17**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the

wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."
²⁰Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. - **I Corinthians 1:18-21**

A Study in I Peter

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Christ look like?