



A NEW WAY TO LOVE

I. Relentless love is the inevitable _____ of new life in Christ.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart ... 1:22

A. Salvation fundamentally _____ our hearts to love others.

B. Salvation produces not a shallow affection but an _____ love.

II. Relentless love is only possible as we depend on _____ .

... since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. 1:23-25

A. God's Word doesn't just command love, it _____ the life that makes love possible.

B. God's Word outlasts _____ that makes love challenging.

C. God's Word, the Good News, _____ our love for others.

III. Relentless love cultivates _____ .

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 2:1-3

A. Maturity grows when we put away what _____ love.

B. Maturity grows when we crave what _____ .

CLEARING THE PATH FOR RELENTLESS LOVE

Identify where love is lacking.

Expose the poison.

Put it away.

Draw from the source daily.



HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. What causes people church to be at odds with one another? How have you failed at striving for unity in the church yourself?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:22–2:3. How do we default to trying to love others the “old way” through sinful flesh? What “new way” does Peter tell us to love others instead?
3. How has Jesus loved you? How should that inform the way you love others?
4. What “spiritual milk” might Peter be urging his readers to crave? Think of as many possibilities as you can (see also Heb 5:12–6:5 and John 6:53–56).
5. What keeps believers from having an appropriate appetite for spiritual nourishment? Which of those do you struggle with most?
6. What are believers to get rid of (2:1)? Give examples. Why are each of these so damaging to the cause of Christ and to the church?
7. Your desire for God’s Word increases in direct proportion to the time spent studying it, because only the Word of God is living and active and generates spiritual maturity. How can you start now to make it more the center of your life?
8. In his sermon the pastor helped us identify our old ways of trying to love, and emphasized how we should strive to love the new way through the Holy Spirit. Which of these struck a chord with you? Plan some steps to grow more obedient to the command to love others in the coming week.

HELPFUL Quotes

One of the painful facts of life is that the people of God do not always get along with each other. You would think that those who walk in hope and holiness would be able to walk in harmony, but this is not always true. ... All the way from the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11, to ‘Babylon the Great’ in Revelation 17–18, man’s great attempts at unity are destined to fail. If we try to build unity in the church on the basis of our first birth, we will fail; but if we build unity on the basis of the new birth, it will succeed.

- Warren Wiersbe

If our hearts and lives are truly being fed by the word of God, then we will be increasingly transformed within. - *Stephen Motyer*

As a babe longs for nothing but its mother’s milk and will take nothing else, so every Christian should take no spiritual nourishment save the Word. - *Richard Lenski*

The love that God has shown to the believer should prompt a response of love toward God. This love for God is demonstrated by loving fellow believers. Perhaps Peter had in mind the concept as stated in 1 John 4:20–21. Love toward God is hard to measure, but love toward the brethren is very easy to see. This is one way that we may clearly demonstrate our love for Him. Peter also says that this love ought to be a “sincere” (v. 22) love. In other words, it is not a pretense. It is to be the real thing. It must come from the heart and be demonstrated with full intensity, in an all-out manner. - *Louis Barbieri*

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you’re a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4–5; Ephesians 2:8–9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We’d love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!