

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

The Christian Life in Two Phrases: Love Others and Love God

We Are to Love Others Because We are Loved of God 1:22-25

The Love of God THROUGH Us v22

This love transcends color, culture and country and SHOULD be a characteristic that we so consistently live out, the world can't help but notice...how great our Lord is.

This is a FRUIT of salvation not the ROOT of salvation (1 John 5:1-5)

This agape love is volitional not emotional and produces positive +R actions

Is Based on the Love of God TO Us v23-25

God's super-grace love for us (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21) thru the Gospel resulted in our receiving NOT JUST a "Get Out of Hades Free Card" but also a new spiritual nature which empowered by the Holy Spirit will allow us to love others

1 Peter 1:23-25/1 Corinthians 15:1-11 are twins (see also Acts 15:1-29 and 2 P 3:14-18)

We Love God and Others by Loving/Living the Word of God 2:1-3

Negative Command v1

Put aside (in football terms: "punt away") the MDHES (Spiritual) Virus

Positive Command v2

The Word of God properly processed will catalyze spiritual growth/increase our capacity to love others-incl: EGN Believers (Extra Grace Needed)-using the baptism technique

The Premise for Both of the Commands v3

Since you have tasted of the kindness of God (grace/mercy) thru faith in Christ/Gospel

A Spiritual Litmus Test All of Us Should Give to Ourselves Regularly

If our lives truly are "all about Him" we will consistently live a life of love toward His

If our lives are "too much about us" we will tend to rationalize not living a life of love because we will be loving/overrating our personal preferences/agendas