

A SINCERE LOVE

1 PETER 1:22-2:3

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The Gospel:

- _____ our hearts and _____ us to love. (*Philippians 1:6*)

Command #4: _____ . (v.22-25)

- **We _____ love and we _____ to love!**
- **Love _____.** *Without hypocrisy, desire for personal gain or manipulation of others. (Ph 2:3-4)*
- **Love _____.** *Zealously, motivating, self-starting. Implies effort and emotion. (Rom 12:9-10)*
- **Love with a _____.** *Unconditionally and sacrificially. (Matt 22:36-40)*

Why should we love one another this way?

- **Because our souls have been _____.** (v.22)
- **Because we have been _____.** (v.23)
- **Because of the _____.** (v.24-25)

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Command #5: Long for pure _____ . (2:1-3)

- **Put away = _____!**

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Deceit – concealing or misrepresenting the truth.

Hypocrisy – the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform; pretense.

Envy – the resentful longing for what someone else has

Slander – making a false statement damaging a person's reputation.

How?

- _____ the _____ that will help you grow up spiritually! (v.2-3)
- **You will not _____ into maturity as a follower of Jesus Christ without a consistent _____ of God's Word.**
- **Let the Word _____ dwell in your heart so that it will produce its desired _____.**
Psalms 34:8; Isaiah 55
- **We have the _____... What we need is the _____ for it to change our _____!**

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The Gospel:

- **Purifies our hearts and teaches us to love.** (Philippians 1:6)

Command #4: **Love one another.** (v.22-25)

- **We feel love and we resolve to love!**
- **Love sincerely.** *Without hypocrisy, desire for personal gain or manipulation of others. (Ph 2:3-4)*
- **Love earnestly.** *Zealously, motivating, self-starting. Implies effort and emotion. (Rom 12:9-10)*
- **Love with a pure heart.** *Unconditionally and sacrificially. (Matt 22:36-40)*

Why should we love one another this way?

- **Because our souls have been purified by the truth.** (v.22)
- **Because we have been born again.** (v.23)
- **Because of the work of God’s Word in our lives.** (v.24-25)

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Command #5: Long for pure **spiritual milk.** (2:1-3)

- **Put away = Take it OFF!**

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How?

- **Desire the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow up spiritually!** (v.2-3)
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