

# What to Love and Long for Most

1 Peter 1:22 – 2:1-3



*1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land*

Peter now takes these two realities, God's will at work **in** you and God's will as it works **out** of you, and applies them to two of the deepest and most enduring **desires** of your **redeemed** heart:

- I. Fervently **love** your church family, and
- II. Faithfully **long** for God's truth.

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if/then scenario

'if only I can, then...'

 *Is*

since/then scenario

'since I already have, then...'

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## **Other related Scripture:**

- Ephesians 2:4-10
- Romans 10:9-10

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## **Context:**

What has Peter already made clear for us in **1 Peter 1:1-3**?

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- a **completed** past action with **ongoing** present consequences

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**God purified** our souls **by the gospel** at our **conversion** (completed past action), and **God keeps** us purified in His love **by the gospel** (ongoing present consequence), **so that** we can love each other sincerely and fervently from the heart.

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2. **For you have been born again by God's gospel... (v.23)**



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*“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”* (John 14:6)

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What does this have to do with what Peter is saying?

*“... because of His great love with which He loved you...  
you have been born again.””*

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*“In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.”*

*In love, you have been born again. According to the kind intention of His will, you have been born again.*



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*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

John 3:16

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*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us... For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”*

Romans 5:8, 10

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“... *for you have been born again...*” is God’s **act** of love for you.

“*Since you have in obedience to the truth...*” is your **response** to God’s love for you.

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Since you have in **response** to God's love in the gospel completely **purified** your souls for a genuine love of your Christian brothers and sisters, then earnestly, intensely, resolutely love one another from the heart of love which God has gifted to you.

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