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**1 Peter – “A Living Hope”**

**Session 5**

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**“The love of the family of God”**

Though holy conduct and obedience will mark the true believer (v.13-17), it is love that will be the greatest trait of all in a Christian's life. And that love begins first in the family of God. Since we have responded to the truth of the Gospel and been born again through the **“incorruptible seed”** of the Word of God, love should be our dominant characteristic. But that only happens as we immerse ourselves in the Word and allow the Spirit to work it deep into our lives. Only through that work will we find the motivation to obey the truth and **“love one another fervently.”** Does your life exhibit this fervent love for the family of God? If not, than only an honest and deeper commitment to the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God can turn that around and bring forth the fruit of love in your life. Make that commitment before God this week!

**Passage:** 1 Peter 1:22-25 (NKJV)

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:22; Acts 15:9**

What are the two ways God purifies our souls? What does Peter command us to do if we have been purified by God?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:23**

What is required for someone to be able to love the brethren **“fervently”**?  
What does that happen through?

**Scripture: John 13:35**

What will **“all know”** of us if they see us love one another fervently?

**Scripture: John 15:12**

What is our motivation to “*love one another*” according to John?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:23-25**

How does Peter describe the word of God that’s been “planted” in us? What does he say about that word? What difference does that make then in the life of one who has obeyed its truth versus the fleshly life?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:25**

How was that enduring word delivered to us? For loves sake, what should be the priority for us as the family of God towards those who are fleshly and have not yet obeyed the truth of the gospel?

**Personal Application:**

Ephesians 4:11-16 gives a great depiction of how the family of God works and walks in unity through love. Read through it carefully, and meditate on what it says about our relationship as brothers in Christ. Are you taking part in God’s work in and through His Body? If not, there is an issue. Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw you into a deeper work of fellowship with Him in the Word, and that He will help stir you up to love the brethren fervently. What are ways you could love your brothers in Christ, both in temporal ways and spiritually?

**Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:35