

Love: Nurturing the Imperishable Seed

1 Peter 1:22-25

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What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven?

What are the ingredients of love?

Love one another earnestly for you are born of imperishable seed.

The Necessary Foundation for Love

“Having purified your souls”

Is this conversion? Or, Is this obedience?

“By your obedience to the truth”

“The Christian life cannot be lived authentically in isolation.” Karen Jobes

Our created purpose is to live in loving, growing community under God.

How is this love defined?

“Since you have been born again”

This new birth generates life from an imperishable seed, Peter says.

The Urgent Exhortation to Love

This great salvation and this call to holiness are for the purpose of brotherly love.

Love, from a pure heart.

Love, earnestly

The Inexhaustible Source of Love

I am not asking you to merely try harder, but rather, to be who you are in Christ.

Why does Peter quote from Isa 40?

He is comforting them with a promise of future world-transforming glory.

As you believe and obey, Godliness develops within you, and godly community grows around you.