

# Encouraged by a Sincere Love for Each Other

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(1 Peter 1:22-25)



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# Introduction



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- Nothing in congregational life encourages us more
- Love for each other is a fulfilling of the second commandment
- The assembly is the place where we learn how to love
- Some of us may not have had good examples of love

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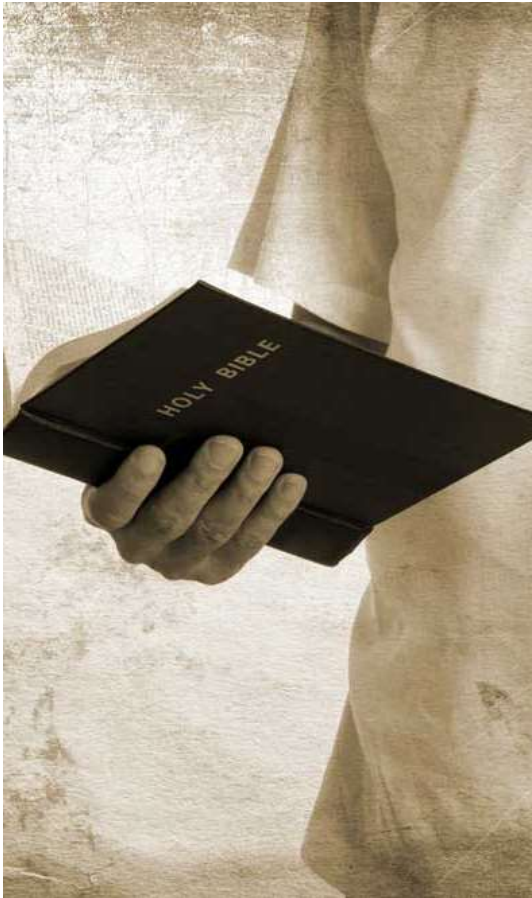
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- For others, we may have had excellent Christian mentors of love
- Church is God's forever family, and we say "goodbye, see you later."
- Depth and richness of our love for each is made so by our living hope

# **This message of love was preached**



- **This word (rhema) was proclaimed (euangelidzomai)**
- **Proclaimed in the past**
- **You were the recipients of this message**

# **This life of love is the outcome of obedience**

- **Having purified—stand in the position of the past act now with blessings**
- **“You”—your souls**
- **In the obedience of the truth**



# This life consists of sincere, deep love

- Sincere-- ἀνυπόκριτον (anypokriton)—opposite of hypocritical
- 2 Corinthians 6:6—genuine love
- Romans 12:9—Let love be without hypocrisy
- James 3:17—wisdom from above—without hypocrisy
- 1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 1:5—Timothy's sincere faith



- Note: the only two times in the New Testament “fervently” occurs refers to love and prayer!
- In earnestness/ferventness (noun)—serving God day and night (Acts 26:7)
- Luke 22:44—“And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.”





- Deep-- ἐκτενῶς (ektenōs)—fervently (adverb)
- Used twice in the N.T.
- 1 Peter 1:22 → 1 Peter 4:8, having fervent (adjective) love
- Acts 12:5—Peter in prison, praying fervently for his delivery.





# This life of love is the born again life

## Purified

- **James 4:8 Purify your hearts, you double-minded**
- **John 11:55—Passover, ritual purification**
- **Jesus has cleansed our hearts!**
- **1 John 3:3-- And everyone who has this hope [fixed] on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**



- **Born again of imperishable seed**
- **Think of perishable seeds**
- **Important that seed is used as metaphor for the “living” & “enduring” word of God.**
- **Reference to Jesus as God’s embodied revelation**
- **Compared to all people—grass and flowers**



# Conclusion

**Encouraged by love for each other**

- **A love that was preached**
- **A love that comes from obedience**
- **A love that is sincere and deep**
- **A love that comes from being born again**



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