

BUILDING GOD'S CHURCH

Building with Love

I Peter 1:22-25

The Scriptures call on us to love those in church again and again, but this is one of the most difficult calls to follow because we step on each other's toes and fail to live up to the Gospel. Peter gives us multiple reasons in this passage to persevere and deepen our love for each other. May we be as diligent in our love for the church as we are in our love for the church's Savior.

**Deepen your love because
love is God's _____ for your _____**

**Deepen your love because
this _____ is _____**

**Deepen your love because this creation
by God's _____ will endure _____**

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Getting Started

1. Would you rather visit Philadelphia, Pa or Alasehir, Turkey (the home of the ancient city of Philadelphia)?
2. From what nations did your ancestors leave behind when they came to America?

Digging Deeper

3. What does it mean to have sincere love for someone?
4. Read Isaiah 40:28-31, what does God provide to those who rest on His eternal Word? How should this provision relate to the Church today?
5. What is "the word which was preached to you" that Peter speaks of? How would you tell this word to others?

Living It Out

6. Why does a purified soul make for a more loving soul?
7. What do you think distracts most from showing daily, consistent love to each other in the church? How can we overcome these distractions?
8. How can we create a family attachment in our church that is as strong as our physical family bonds?