



Gospel-Created Love
5th in the “Elect Exiles” Series
1 Peter 2:1-8 p. 1014
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Introduction

In this passage God explains spiritual maturity and how it gives birth to a love for others.

The Text: 1 Peter 2:1-8

1) A gospel-driven holiness (1 Pet 1:13-25) finds expression in a sincere love for others (v. 1).

2) True Christian love can only happen when you “love” the right things (vv. 2-3).

3) “Your best life now” is found in Christ and his church, and in his priestly service (vv. 4-8).

(a) Christ is the epitome of beauty, but not all humanity can see it (v. 4)

(b) Every Christian is joined to God through Christ and established in the life and presence of God (v. 5a).

(c) Every Christian is honored by being given a priestly assignment in service to God (v. 5b-7a)

(d) Everyone outside God’s life and service has no honor and is destined for ruin (vv. 7b-8)

Response

- Do you love the right thing?

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 2:1-8

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- 1) Starter Question: What does a real love for others look like?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does a Christian “put away” or remove malice and hate (v. 1)?
- 4) How does the simile of “newborn infants” in v. 2 help explain the way the Christian should desire spiritual nourishment and growth (i.e., “milk”)?
- 5) What does the phrase “grow up into salvation” mean (v. 2)? What does that teach us about the process of salvation?
- 6) Read v. 3 alongside Ps. 34:8. How can a person “taste” the goodness of God?
- 7) What is the significance of the temple metaphor in v. 5? What does that look like in the real life of Christians and the church today?
- 8) How are Christians supposed to serve as a “holy priesthood,” offering spiritual sacrifices to God (v. 5)?
- 9) How is Christ the desire of the Christian and the destruction of the non-Christian (vv. 6-8)?
- 10) This text teaches the Christian the importance of what we love. How can we grow in our love of God and desire him over all other things?

Further study this week: Ps. 34 on the sweet taste of God (Mon); Psalm 118 on the goodness of Christ (Tues); Matt 21:23-46 on Jesus’ authority (Wed); Acts 4:1-22 on Jesus over all else (Thurs); Isa 28:14-29 on the judgment of Christ (Fri).