For The Sincere Love Of The Brethren

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INTRODUCTION

- I am going to deal with a single verse that says a lot about God's intentions for us.
- 1 Peter chapter 1 and verse 22 since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls. For a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.

1 Without the Truth, Our Souls Cannot Be Purified

John 8:31–32; John 14:6

- One is that without the truth, our souls cannot be purified.
- If you abide in my word, then you are disciples of mine, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
- I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father but through me.
- You have in obedience to the truth, purified your souls. Purification cannot occur without truth.

2 Purification Involves More Than Simple Belief

Hebrews 5:8–9; Hebrews 12:14

- Purification involves more than simple belief.
- A belief that saves is a belief that embraces the word of God.
- Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him.
- This does not nullify the grace of God, but works with the grace of God in our salvation.
- Without holiness, that would be an aspect of obedience. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord.

3 The Essential Step of Faith Is Baptism

Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 5:25–27; Titus 3:4–5

- The concepts of purification and cleansing show clearly the essential step of faith that places us in Christ is baptism.
- That concept of purification or cleansing works well with water baptism for the remission of sins.
- For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- Our sanctification comes by the washing of water with the word.
- The washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

4 Purification Is Unto a Sincere Love of the Brethren

Acts 10:34–35; Romans 15:1–7; 1 Peter 4:7–11

- One great goal of purification is unto a special relationship with others who have done the same.

- Of all the things that could have been said by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the thing that Peter selects is for a sincere love of the brethren.
- Why is there so much emphasis in the New Testament on the brother to brother relationship in Christ? Would it not be due to the very nature of our oneness in him?
- Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves.
- Self is really enhanced and enriched when the focus is taken off of self.
- Above all, what do you need to do? Keep fervent in your love for one another. Love covers a multitude of sins, and be hospitable to one another without complaint.

THE CHALLENGE

Since then, you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls. Have you?

MY NOTES