

A Call to Hope and Holiness | A Study of 1 Peter

By Faith We Love Jesus | I Peter 1:22-2:25 | 5.05.19

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1 Peter 1:6-8 *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ **whom having not seen you love.** Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.*

What does it look like for me to love Jesus?

1. I trust God even when He calls me to suffer.	1 Peter 1:6-7
2. I resist and fight culture that desires to mold me.	1 Peter 1:14
3. I desire to live a holy life and confess all my sins.	1 Peter 1:15-16
4. I live in light or view of the price God paid for my salvation.	1 Peter 1:17-19
5. I have a sincere love for my brothers and sisters in Christ.	1 Peter 1:22
6. I cast off sinful deeds, attitudes, and speech.	1 Peter 2:1
7. I crave God's Word for the purpose of knowing Him in a greater way.	1 Peter 2:2-3
8. I perceive Jesus Christ as my most precious treasure.	1 Peter 2:7
9. I proclaim God's praises in word and deed.	1 Peter 2:9
10. I recognize that sinful desires war against and damage my soul.	1 Peter 2:11
11. I humbly submit to God-ordained authorities.	1 Peter 2:13-14
12. I won't use my liberties in Christ to justify disobedience.	1 Peter 2:16
13. I will be a God-honoring husband /wife.	1 Peter 3:1-7
14. I will be prepared to provide Biblical reasons to critics and skeptics.	1 Peter 3:8-16

- It's much easier to live by sight than it is to live by faith.
- Faith is what pleases God (Hebrews 11:6).
- Christ confirmed his truth-claims by his resurrection.
- It's easier to define Jesus' love for us than it is to explain our love for Jesus.
- It's possible for us to say we love Jesus and be self-deceived.
- We confirm our love to Jesus by loving our spiritual brothers and sisters.

1 Peter 1:22-2:3 *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, **love one another fervently with a pure heart,** ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, ²⁵ But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. **2** Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*

(1) Truth of eternal Scripture (2) Ministry of the Holy Spirit (3) Sincere, fervent, and pure love

You may not have a plan for your spiritual life, but rest assured Satan does. You must set aside a plan to be a student of God! Wanting to know Jesus in meaningful ways is spiritual warfare.

1 Peter 2:4-10 *Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

- Being God's special people accompanies expectations from God.

¹¹ *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

There are times that you will honor God and suffer for it. This is never unnoticed by God and it will be rewarded in due time by God Himself.

¹³ *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—¹⁶ as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. ¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. ¹⁹ For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.*

- Is it enough for me to know that God is aware of and pleased with me when I suffer for obeying Him? Is God enough? If you get serious about loving God and loving people, sacrifices will be required and suffering will be expected.

²¹ *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*