

THE RIGHTEOUS PURSUES HOLINESS

Chapter 2 Lesson 6

Chapter's Subject: Created Anew in Righteousness and True Holiness

Main Point: Called Out (Part C1)

Sub-Point: The Word in the Believer (1 Peter 1:13-25)

Today's Study: He Exhorted Them to Sincere Hospitality (Brotherly Love) V. 22

Brief discussion of Review Questions from previous lesson.

BACKGROUND

A. Nothing is New Under the Sun (Ecc. 1:9)

1. It is a fact; yet this statement doesn't mean there is no new inventions, new mornings, etc. We should also keep in mind that old things are new to those who were never exposed to them before.
2. What is meant here: there is no new type of activity. **The pursuits, goals and desires of humankind remain the same.**
3. These things can either be good or bad.
 - (a) The Bible records both good and bad examples and this is not because God has approved of the bad (wrong) things but they are recorded for our admonition
 - (1) See 1 Cor. 10 (Vv. 1-22 which deals with Israel's History as an Example
 - (2) Note carefully Vv. 6, 11
 - **V. 6a (KJV):** "Now these things were our examples ..."
 - **V. 6a (Amplified Bible):** "Now these things are examples (warnings and admonition for us) ..."
 - The purpose of such record is clearly seen in 1 Cor. 10:11.
 - (b) The challenge is for us is to take heed and be watchful (1 Cor. 10:12)

1 Cor. 10:12 (Amplified Bible)

"Therefore let anyone who thinks he stands [who feels sure that he has a steadfast mind and is standing firm], take heed lest he falls into sin."

B. Fraternity or Faction?

Some of the following Scripture references are not the most pleasant Scriptures and many would rather avoid them but the facts must be faced. Problems will occur (Acts 6:1-7; 15:36-41) but hatred, strife, malice, divisions, bitterness, un-forgiveness, etc. are not the will of God and must be addressed with His help, when and where such exist.

We do need to move on to our subject for today but this "Background Foundation" is essential and relevant to what we are discussing. We will not be able to read all the

references listed below but you are encouraged to do so during your individual study and please read the context in which they are used.

“Fraternity or Faction?” Without elaborating on these two words, I will simply list some of their synonyms:

Fraternity: brotherhood, fellowship, kinship, friendship, solidarity, togetherness, etc.

Faction: infighting, dispute, discord, strife, argument, disharmony, etc.

1. **Fratricide: killing ones brother or sister.**

(a) Gen. 4:8-10

(b) See also: Jud. 9:5; 2 Sam. 13:28; 1 Kings 2:25; 2 Chron. 21:4; Matt. 10:21; etc.

NOTE: Remember... *“The blow of a word can be more dangerous than the blow of a sword.”*

2. **Evil return despite the genuine love received.**

Psa. 35, NB Vv. 12-15

3. **Betrayed by a beloved!! Deceive to destroy!!**

(a) Psa. 55, NB. Vv. 11-14, 20-21

(b) See also: Jud. 16:18; **Psa. 41:9**; Micah 7:6; Matt. 10:21; 24:10; 26:16; Luke 22:22, 48; John 13:21.

4. **Contention, etc. prevails because of carnality**

(a) James 4:1

(b) See also: 1 Cor. 1:11; 3:3; 6:6; 2 Cor. 12:20

5. **The blessedness of forgiveness, the beauty of reconciliation**

(a) Demonstrated by Christ our perfect example Luke 23:34

(b) Displayed by Bro. Stephen Acts 7:60

(c) We need to reconcile the way God requires Matt. 18:15-21

6. **Remember it’s imperative to love God and one another**

Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:7-40; Mark 12:29-31

7. **Remember also, “Agape Love” or the “selfless, sacrificial love” is of God (1 John 4)**

It is experienced ONLY if a person knows God personally. Only if a person has received the love of God in his heart and life!! (Rom. 5:5; 1 Thess. 3:12)

Rom. 5:5 Amplified Bible

“Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shame us, for God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.”

C. Strong Emphasis on Love

I have discussed 1 Cor. 13 on several occasions because of the strong message on God’s love (“Agape Love”) and the necessity for this to be practically lived by all Believers. At this time I can only present a few highlights which are also relevant to our current subject.

1. I presented the study on **1 Cor. 13** noting three main divisions.

(a) Love is the **Most Essential Gift** Vv. 1-3

(b) Love is **Edifying** Vv. 4-7

- (c) Love is **Everlasting** Vv. 8-13
2. Highlighting a few pointers from Vv. 4-7
- (a) **Love is Christlike in its Affirmation (The Positives) v. 4a**
- (1) Love suffers long ... patient, seeks no revenge, etc. v.4a
- (2) Love is kind ... courteous, good, reaches out in kindness v. 4a
3. **Love is Christlike in its Negations ... (The Negatives) Vv. 4b-6**
- Love also reveals itself in the negative by the restriction it places on itself
- (a) Love does not envy ... not jealous, do not begrudge or attack the abilities and success in others v. 4b
- (b) Love does not exalt itself ... not boastful, does not seek recognition, honor or applause from others v. 4b
- (c) Love is not puffed up ... not prideful, arrogant, conceited, etc. v. 4b
- (d) Love does not behave improperly ... not unbecomingly, rude, indecent, and unmannerly. V. 5
- (e) Love is not self-seeking ... not selfish, seeks to serve not to be served v. 5
- (f) Love is not irritable ... not easily angered, not touchy, love controls the emotions v. 5
- (g) Love does not record evil ... does not consider the wrong suffered, not resentful.
- (h) Love finds no joy in evil of any kind ... iniquity, unrighteousness, evil, wrong doing v. 6
4. **The Thrilling Positives v. 7**
- (a) Love covers and endures ... to cover all things and to bear up under all things ... pass over in silence; keep confidential v. 7
- (b) Love generates confidence in others ... eager to believe the best, etc. v. 7
- (c) Love produces perpetual hope ... never cease to hope, refuses to accept failure, etc. v. 7
- (d) Love remains steadfast ... to stand against the attack of an enemy. V. 7

HE EXHORTED THEM TO SINCERE HOSPITALITY (In this case “Brotherly Love”) 1 Peter 1:22-25

Introductory Notes

1. **Hospitality:** In general the word means, kindness extended to strangers.
- (a) This is clearly taught in:
- (b) The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- (c) The Care Commission (Matt. 25:31-46)
- (d) **“Hospitality,” as used at this time is not referring solely to kindness extended to strangers and visitors (and that is necessary) but our fellow saints (Believers).**
- (e) We have heard the phrase: “Learn to dance at home first” and beloved that’s a fact as it relates o “Sincere Brotherly Love”. **LOVE BEGINS AT HOME!!**
- (1) This phrase **“Learn to dance at home”** was something that I heard from my dad and it seems to be one many are not acquainted with.

- (2) Basically, it means that good qualities are to be learned first at home. As kids, our parents placed much emphasis on our training and it really paid off. This involved a general emphasis covering areas such as good behavior, table ethics; in fact etiquette on a whole.
- (3) You will agree that this emphasis on starting at the home base is applicable to the Church (Universal) in regards to our love for one another and the public. In fact God's Word says it is contradictory to say that we love God who we have not seen and at the same time hate our brother (1 John 4:7-20, NB Vv. 11-12--To be repeated).
- (4) **At home emphasis (*briefly noted*)**
- You may have heard the phrase: **"If these walls could talk."**
 - In essence the phrase refers to something said or done behind closed doors, usually something unsavory or something one would like to keep secret.
 - This fact refers to various areas but at this time I am briefly focusing solely on the home with no intention to be callous, condemning, etc.
 - Unfortunately, not everyone who externally appears to be pleasant, humble, etc is the same at home. Some folks seem to have a split personality; that smiling, most pleasant person can be the very opposite at home; yet we need to begin loving, solving problems, working together, etc. at home!!
 - There are things within the home that are hurting, damaging, etc. and so many end in devastating situations and what is troubling is that these same individuals were so hotly in-love, etc but seeing a person and living with that individual are two different things. (*This I do say though that there is no situation that God cannot make better if we allow Him!!!*)
- (5) **The Church environment.**
- Some emphasis will be placed on sincere "Brotherly Love" in this lesson and lesson 7 as well as references throughout the study.
 - This I do note briefly:
 - It is such a great thing to warmly welcome our visitors, work tirelessly with new members but what happens when they become seasoned members or heads bump or we do not see eye to eye, etc.
 - This I must also note that a lack of **"genuine love"**, when we do not live that **"fervent love"**, etc.; makes the environment becomes a place of discouragement, causes are defeated, goals fall through, progress retarded, etc. So let us sincerely love one another with the love of God (***The Agape Love***)!!

2. The Believers That Peter Addressed

- (a) Peter was writing to scattered groups who represented the first Christians in a pagan world. (1 Peter 1:1)

- (b) As we have noted several times before: **"The Church (Universal) is a called out community in a hostile world."**
- (c) The world has always been hostile to the **genuine Church** and will continue to be until the great day!! Absolutely!! "This world is not our home we are just passing through to a better one!!
3. Note the following in regards to the believers that Peter addressed:
Through the grace of God they were "born again through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).
- (a) They were scattered
- (b) They were diverse (Jews and Gentiles)
- (c) They were a radical cultural mix
- (d) They were persecuted for their faith
- (e) Definitely, suffering turns small irritable matters into conflicts but the trial of their faith would be unto the praise and glory of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:7).
4. **Problems will be experienced!**
- (a) This is a statement that I have used so many times: "In any marriage if you do not have problems, one spouse is deaf and the other is dumb. The important thing is how you solve your problems."
- (b) **Someone said, in the Church the only way to avoid problems is to chloroform those that you have and do not take in new members.**
- (1) This does not give licence for bad behavior.
- (2) This does not give licence for a lack of courtesy.
- (3) This does not give licence for being dogmatic and bullish.
- (4) This does not give licence for being cold and callous.
- (5) This does not give licence for being sarcastic and demeaning.
- (6) Etc.
- Problems will occur but let us solve them with a heart purified because of our obedience to the Word of God, enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
5. **New Life! New Lifestyle! Despite the Challenges!**
- (a) As a result of the challenges facing these early believers, Peter not only shows the importance of living a holy life but that it is essential to practically demonstrate that the new birth demands a new love in the family of God.
- (1) **Holiness and sincere love cannot be separated!!**
- (2) There are too many who love peace but do not know how to make peace; note that Christ said "Blessed are the **pacemakers**" (Matt. 5:9)
- (3) There are far too many who are like a time bomb or some very sensitive land mine ready to explode for little or nothing, and this is the very opposite of 1 Cor. 13:5c ("*Love is not easily provoked*").
- (4) Where love is peace prevails, where holiness is love and peace will prevail (Heb. 12:14).

(b) **Christians must love because they have been born through God's imperishable Word of truth (1 Peter 1:22-25).**

- (1) Conditions or circumstances will not always be favorable!
- (2) Sailing may get rough, with raging boisterous winds and dashing waves, etc.
- (3) The hill seems to get steeper, more slippery, etc.
- (4) Danger may be on every side.
- (5) The enemy may surround you like hungry vicious wolves, etc
- (6) Etc.
- (7) No matter what our circumstances, we must continue to let the love of God permeate and produces genuine love, "agape love" the "love of God." Our Christian pathway will not be easy but possible through Jesus Christ who abides within!! God didn't promise smooth sailing but safe landing!!

(c) **Peter is saying that the kind of holiness he has been describing, is holiness which stems from the new birth, which must work itself out in love for fellow Christians!!**

(d) The following we have seen in other lessons but I will repeat:

Certain things MUST be realized before we can effectively and sincerely live out this life of holiness and genuine brotherly love!!!

- (1) We were all born with a sinful nature and must repent
- (2) Repentance precede the "New Birth"
- (3) The new Birth must precede "Sanctification."
- (4) Sanctification must be experienced before we can live "Holy Lives". The "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" is subsequent (*follow each other*) to a clean heart.
 - Repentance involves: sorrow for sin and the need to stop sinning
 - The New Birth or Regeneration is the quickening of the old sinful nature dead in trespasses and sin.
 - Sanctification is a purging experience in which three acts are realize:
 - Separation from the world unto God
 - Purging from the pollution of sin
 - Crucifying of the carnal nature
 - Holiness has several definitions and I have highlighted two: (a) The primary meaning of holiness is separation (b) Holiness is deliverance from the dominion of sin.
 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit equips you for effective service and a victorious Christian life.

6. As noted before **1 Peter 1:22-25** will be discussed as follows:

(a) **Power of God's Word v. 22**

You have purified your souls.

(b) **Purity of God's Word v. 23**

You were born again by the Word of God.

(c) **Perishable Reality v. 24**

Your flesh withers and falls away.

(d) **Permanence/Preservation v. 25**

You were purified with that which is not perishable ... the Word of God.

For today's class we will be discussing the first pointer:

Power of God's Word (1 Peter 1:22)

A. Power of God's Word

"You have purified your souls ..."

1 Peter 1:22 (KJV)

"Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart."

1. The Word of God is mighty in its influence

(a) It is mighty... it is powerful!!

(1) It is a **Devouring Flame** Jer. 5:14.

(2) It is a **Crushing Hammer** Jer. 23:29.

(3) It is a **Life-giving Force** Ezek. 37:7.

(4) It is **Saving Power** Rom. 1:16.

(5) It is a **Defensive Weapon** Eph. 6:17.

(6) It is a **Probing Instrument** Heb. 4:12.

(b) **How powerful? He simply need to speak and it will be done.**

(1) Creation (Gen. 1 and 2note: Vv. 1, 3, 9, 14, 20, 24; see also 2 Peter 3:5).

(2) The winds obeyed Him (Matt. 8:27)

(3) The dead raised (Luke 7:11-17; John 11)

(4) The leprous cleansed (Luke 5:12-14)

(5) Demons cast out (Mark 5:1-20)

(6) Etc.

(c) **The Centurion sought help for his sick servant (Matt. 8:5-13)**

He said to Christ: "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and my servant shall be healed." (Matt. 8:8 KJV)

(d) **The song: "Wonderful Words of Life" (Partial quote)**

"Sing them over to me again, wonderful words of life

Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life

Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty

Beauty words, wonderful words

Wonderful words of life.

2. You have purified your soul (1 Peter 1:22)

(a) In Lesson 5 (of this chapter) we briefly looked at who the believer was before conversion and who he is after conversion. Two highlighted pointers are:

(1) **Before Conversion:** He conformed himself to the customs and opinions around him, rather than the requirements of his Maker.

(2) **The New Man:** The new way of life requires abandonment of what he was and did, and transformation into what he had not been.

(b) **The Song “Great Change Since I’ve Been Born** by Kaiser/Mansfield

The chorus and 2nd stanza

Chorus:

Great change since I was born
 Things I used to would do I don’t do no more
 Being a great change since I been born

2nd Stanza

People I use to would hate I don’t hate no more
 Great change since I was born.

(c) The business world especially in regards to beauty products, places great emphasis on what a person was before and after using their products. Well here are a few references in regards to who we were before and (are) after God delivered us!! **Eph. 2, NB Vv. 1-6; Col. 2:12-16; Col. 3; 1 Peter 2:7-10.**

(d) **The sincere Believer is one who accepts the gospel, purifies his soul**

(1) The soul before regeneration was unclean and defiled.

(2) The penitent responding to God’s wooing ... comes humbly to the throne of grace!!

- “Just as I am without one plea, Oh Lamb of God, I come!!”
- “So wash me and I shall be whiter than snow”
- “Lord, I know, nothing else can wash away my sins but the blood of Jesus. Oh, Lord. For my cleansing this is my plea; nothing but the blood of Jesus!!”
- **Psa. 51:17 (Amplified Bible)**
 “My sacrifice [the sacrifice acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart [broken down with sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.”
- God gives the assurance: “Thy sins are forgiven, I have removed the heavy load, and you are healed through the atoning work of My Beloved Son (Heb. 9:28; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 3:5; etc.).

3. **One of the awesome results of this cleansing is genuine love for one another.**

1 Peter 1:22 (Amplified Bible)

“Since by your obedience to the Truth through the [Holy] Spirit, you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, [see that you] love one another with a pure heart.”

(a) We are not talking about “Puppy Love”.

(1) “Puppy Love” is an intense shallow romantic attachment, typically associated with adolescents.

(2) It is referred to as infatuation, crush, etc. and occurs with a level of immaturity.

- (b) Love is not something that we only preach, sing about, talk about, etc., etc., but that which we live practically!!
- (1) We must not only “talk the talk” but we must “walk the walk”!!
 - (2) **Love is one of the most powerful witness to the glory of God, as we have discussed in other study sessions (John 13:35).**
 - (3) See also John 15:12; Rom. 12:9; etc.
- (c) **Sincere brotherly love is essential to a life of holiness!!**
- (1) Brotherly love is lived out because we have been purified (1 Peter 1:22).
 - (2) If you do not genuinely love one another, it’s because you have not had or if you had, you are not genuinely maintaining a personal intimate relationship with God!! To profess that you have God means that you have the love of God reigning within, witnessed by how much you love others ... because God is love and He lives and reigns within!! (See 1 John 4, NB Vv. 7-12).
 - (3) Let me repeat a statement quoted above:
Peter is saying that the kind of holiness he has been describing is holiness which stems from the new birth, which must work itself out in love for fellow Christians.
- (d) **It’s important not only to believe the truth but to continue walking in the light!!**
- (1) The human agency has his part to do. None is made pure without personal intention or effort.
 - (2) When you pursue holiness there must be effort and diligence ... you go after it!!
 - (3) This purification is both negative, laying aside all evil (1 Peter 2:1), and positive, putting on the good therein (Col. 3:12-17).
- (e) The **divine agent** in the purification of man’s soul is the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4; Rom. 15:16; 2 Thess. 2:13).
4. **Let’s note again 1 Peter 1:22 ... in reference to two things.**
- “... unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart, fervently.” (KJV)*
- (a) **“unfeigned love” or “sincere love”**
- (1) The Greek usage means:
 - Unhypocritical (without hypocrisy)
 - Undisguised
 - Sincere
 - (2) Used six times (in the N.T.)
 - Rom. 12:9 ... “dissimulation”
 - 2 Cor. 6:6 ... “unfeigned” (also in 1 Tim. 1:5 & 2 Tim. 1:5; 1 Peter 1:22)
 - James 3:17 ... “without hypocrisy”
- (b) **“fervently”**
- (1) The Greek usage means:
 - Basically means intently
 - Intently means with earnest and eager attention; etc.

(2) “Loving fervently”

- Literally pictures one “stretching out” to love others.
- This is not doing something lightly and perfunctorily (lacking in interest or enthusiasm) but straining as it were to do it.
- Webster’s New World Dictionary
- “Fervent”: hot, burning, glowing.
- Having or showing great warmth of feeling; intensely devote, earnest or ardent.

(c) Note that such unfeigned love for one another wherein we love, comes from a pure heart fervently . . . can be summarized as follows:(1) **The product of a pure heart is “unfeigned love of the brethren.”**(2) **The new nature expresses itself in “unhypocritical love” because the heart has been cleansed from selfishness and hatred.**

(3) The love for one another is fervent, or earnest and constant, with the faculty of love stretched to its full energy.

(4) **This love is genuine and proceeds from a heart where there is no guile or hypocrisy.**(5) There is nothing superficial or merely sentimental about it because it is from a heart, “pure from any spot or unholy desire or inordinate passion” (Wesley)

(6) There is intense affection, not cold, formal but ardent and strong ... there is full intensity or in an all out manner.

(7) **This is possible because the purified have a new source of life, a new nature, and a new power by which to translate duty to action.**5. THE KEY VERSE IN 1 PETER 1:22-25 IS VERSE 22

This verse (1 Peter 1:22) is of great significance and the other verses are built around it. Let’s highlight a few pointers for emphasis, based on this verse.

(a) **Purified soul! Cleansed Soul!**(1) It is not to be doubted but **every sincere believer purifies his soul.**

- He is “**in-Christ**” and therefore becomes “**a new creation**” (2 Cor. 5:17)
- He has “**put off the old man**” (Eph. 4:17-32) ... in fact note three things (as discussed in lesson 4 of this chapter... “The Walk of the Believer” which involves three things)
 - Removal/Renunciation (Eph. 4:22)
 - Renewal (Eph. 4:23)
 - Replacement (Eph. 4:24)
- This is a cleansing promised by God (Isa. 1:18; Ezek. 36:25; etc.)

(2) **The Word of God is the great instrument of a sinner’s purification** (Psa. 119:9; John 15:3; 17:7; Eph. 5:26).(3) **The Holy Spirit is the great agent in the purification of a man’s soul** (Acts 2:1-4; Rom. 15:16; 2 Thess. 2:1)

- (4) **The soul of Christians must be purified before they can love one another unfeignedly!**
- (5) **It is the duty of all Christians to sincerely and fervently love one another!!!**

(b) **“You have purified your soul” (1 Peter 1:22)**

- (1) Believers are to love one another because they have purified their souls
- This means the soul of the true Believer is cleansed from sin, saved from the compulsion of sin, no longer under the dictates of the adversary.
 - But note these very significant points:
 - **The believer’s soul is cleansed because of his obedience to the Word.**
 - **The believer obeys the truth and as he obeys the truth, the Spirit of God cleanses his soul from sin.**
 - TRUST AND OBEY FOR THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS BUT TO TRUST AND OBEY!!
- (2) THIS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE:
A person is cleansed ONLY while he is walking in the truth, ONLY while he is obeying the truth of God’s light!!
- (3) God has cleansed us and made it possible to love one another. Therefore, let us love one another in the freedom of a pure and cleansed soul!!

6. **Closing thoughts on 1 Peter 1:22**

If you have gone through 1 Cor. 13, you will observe that among several things, the following points are clearly seen: (1) Love is Christlike in its Affirmations or Positives (v. 4a) (2) Love is Christlike in its Negations or Negatives (Vv. 4b-6) (3) There are also The Thrilling Positives (v. 7), etc.

The following listing I am referring to as **“Negatives of Brotherly Love”**, the listing can be extended and in regards to the **“Positives of Brotherly Love”** that will be your assignment.

(a) **Brotherly Love ... Some Negatives ... the restrictions imposed by Brotherly Love**

- (1) Not easily angered, aggressively rude, etc.
- (2) Not bitter, does not betray: not boastful; not intentionally blind.
- (3) Not cold; callous; conceited; contentious.
- (4) Not deceptive; not divisive; not deceitful.
- (5) Does not endorse nor practice evil.
- (6) Not egoistic, self-centered, etc.
- (7) Not ferocious; friendless, etc.
- (8) Not ferocious, aggressively rude, etc.
- (9) Not grumpy, being bitter with everyone, etc.
- (10) Not insulting; intimidating; etc

- (11) Does not justify wrong.
- (12) Does not kindle the flame of discord, does not keep score of wrong; etc.
- (13) Etc.
- (b) **Conditional victory** (*Victory will be realized as long as we “obey, as noted above*)
 - (1) When we **OBEY, the truth through the Spirit**, He purifies our hearts and enables us to truly **love one another**.
 - (2) Only those purified from lust, envy, jealousy, and self-seeking can love sincerely **with a pure heart**: (*as John Wesley says: “Pure from any spot of unholy desire.”*)
- (c) **“Sincere love” involves selfless giving**:
 - (1) A self-centered person can’t **truly love**.
 - (2) God’s love and forgiveness free you to take your eyes off yourselves and to meet others’ needs.
 - (3) **By sacrificing His life, Christ showed that He truly loves you. Now you can love others by following His example and giving of yourself sacrificially.**

(d) **Song: When We All Get Together With The Lord**

Now when the rich and the poor get together with the Lord
 Get together, get together with the Lord
 They will treat each other like sister and brother
 When they all get together with the Lord

When they all get together
 When they all get together with the Lord
 Well they treat each other like sister and brother
 When they all get together with the Lord

Now when the tall and the small get together with the Lord
 Get together, get together with the Lord
 Well the weak are no longer afraid of the strong
 When they all get together with the Lord

Well, when we all get together
 When we all get together with the Lord
 Well, they will treat each other like sister and brother
 When we all get together with the Lord

Well, God has no favorites
 He loves us all the same
 His Son died to save us and to keep us in His name
 And soon we’ll rise to meet Him and forever we will reign
 And we will sing, sing, sing, sing

Now when we all get together
 When we all get together with the Lord
 Well, we will treat each other like sister and brother
 When we all get together with the Lord.

7. Brotherhood/Brotherly Love

(a) Quotes from various sources

- (1) "You cannot contribute anything to the ideal condition of mind, and heart known as Brotherhood, however much you preach, posture or argue unless you live it" (Faith Baldwin)
- (2) "There is no other love like the love for a brother. There is no other love like the love from a brother" (Astrid Alauda)
- (3) "We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools" (Martin Luther King Jr.)
- (4) "No matter where we come from, there is one language we can all speak and understand from birth, the language of the heart, love." (Imania Margia)
- (5) "When brethren agree, no fortress is so strong as their common life."
- (6) "There is a destiny which makes us brothers; none goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own." (Edwin Markham)
- (7) "We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers." (Martin Luther King Jr.)

(b) The following references I have shared in other studies: **"Special Teaching Concerning Brotherly Love** (*All quotes from the KJV*)

(1) **It is Impartial**

Deut. 10:19: "Love ye therefore the stranger for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."

(2) **It is Unselfish**

Matt. 22:39: "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

(3) **It is the Proof of Discipleship**

John 13:35: "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love on to another."

(4) **It is Sincere**

Rom. 12:9: "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" (Also Rom. 1:9).

(5) **It is Abounding**

1 Thess. 3:12: "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you" (See also Heb. 1:1; Jams 2:8).

(6) **It is Fervent**

1 Peter 1:22: “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart” (See also 1 John 4:7).

1 Peter 1:22-25

In **verse 22**, we discussed: **Power of God’s Word** ... “You have purified you soul.”

In **verse 23**, we will discuss: **Purity of God’s Word** ... “You were born again by the Word of God.”

In **verse 24**, we will discuss: **Perishable Reality** ... “Your flesh withers and falls away.”

In **verse 25**, we will discuss: **Permanence/Preservation** ... “You were purified with that which is not perishable; the Word of God.”

2 Tim. 2:15

KJV:

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Amplified Bible’

“Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of truth.”

Chapter 2 Lesson 6 Review Questions

1. The Bible records good and bad examples. Why are the bad examples recoded? Give reference.

2. In Matt. 18:15-21 we are given the steps in reconciling with an offending brother. List them.

3. I 1 Cor. 13:4b-6 we noted that "Love is Christlike in its Negations or Negatives;" explain what this means.

4. (a) What is the general meaning of hospitality? (b) Give some Scriptural examples with references.(Two are accepted)

5. Who did Peter addressed in 1 Peter 1?

6. What were some outstanding features noted about the Believers that Peter addressed?

7. Despite the challenges facing these Believers (1 Peter 1), in addition to holy living what else did Peter prioritize as being necessary?

8. Choose the correct answer from the listing below to complete the following:

Holiness and _____ cannot be separated.

- (a) righteous desires
- (b) sincere love
- (c) church membership
- (d) steadfast commitment

9. Complete the following:

Christians must (a) _____ because they have been (b) _____ through God's (c) _____ (d) _____ of (e) _____.

10. As seen in 1 Peter 1, in essence what kind of holiness is Peter describing?

11. According to John 13:35, what is regarded as the most powerful means of witnessing?

12. Complete the following:

Its important not only to (a) _____ the (b) _____
but to (c) _____ (d) _____ of the
(e) _____.

13. (a) Answer True or False (b) Explain your answer.

In regards to holiness of life the human agency has his part to do.

14. The purification of the Believer involves both negative and positive factors. Briefly explain both factors... give reference.

15. Define (a) "unfeigned" (b) "fervently" (used in 1 Peter 1:22).

16. Discussing "unfeigned love", in what way was it noted that the new nature expresses itself and how is this made possible?

17. Which is the key verse in 1 Peter 1:22-25 and in what way it is of significance?

18. The Believer is saved from sin and is no longer under its domain. However, what two significant reminders were given in regards to being obedient to the Word?

19. Complete the following:

A person is (a) _____ only while he is (b) _____
in the (c) _____ only while he is (d) _____
the truth of God's (e) _____.

20. (a) Answer True or False (b) Explain your answer.

“Sincere love” involves **selfless giving**.

21. Complete the following:

By sacrificing His life, (a) _____ showed that He truly (b)
_____ you. Now you can love (c) _____ by
following His (d) _____ and giving of (e) _____
(f) _____.

We will discuss the answers to as many questions as possible in our next class.