

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

1. What difference does your faith in Jesus make in how you relate to other people?
 - a. What changes in your behavior? In your attitude and motivations?
 - b. Do these changes in you stem from a love for Christ or a sincere love of brethren?
 - c. Do they simply stem from a fear of hell or something else?
 - d. Think of a shameful thing that you have done. What really motivated that action?
 - e. Think of a noble thing you have done. What really motivated it?

2. 1:22 Have you purified yourself? How?
 - a. What evidence do you see of this purification having taken place?
 - b. What adjectives would you use to describe your love for the brethren honestly? (sincere? deeply? other)
 - c. What sorts of things provide for a sincere brotherly love between those who are not physically brothers? How does Christ provide that?

3. 1:23 On what basis have you been born again?

4. 1:23 How can you distinguish between what is perishable and what is imperishable?
 - a. List some in each category.
 - b. Give a beautiful apple or banana as an example of something that is dead.
 - c. Can you illustrate an example of human glory passing like grass?

5. 2:1 What is the basis for Peter telling Christians to put aside all these things?
 - a. Contrast each of these items with a "sincere love" that we are to have if we are genuine.
 - b. Can you give an illustration of each so we can recognize them when we see them and know what we are to rid ourselves of?
 - c. If I have learned to practice these things all of my life, how can I get rid of the habit?
 - d. If growth comes from the word and is in contrast with these negatives, what does it imply about my growth if I find the presence of these negatives in my life? What does that imply about my salvation?

6. 2:2 How does longing for the Word contrast with all the items Christians are to set aside? Why?

8. 2:3 If we are saved, why are we to grow in respect to salvation?