



Why do you think “LOVE” is called the “universal language”?

Strangers speak a language EVERYONE can understand!

1 Peter 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, **love one another deeply, from the heart.** 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24

For, “All men are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
25 but the word of the Lord stands forever.”
And this is the word that was preached to you.

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

What makes speaking the language of love so difficult?

- 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

1. To love deeply, _____ your heart with the _____!

- _____ and his _____ will fuel the sinful nature.
- _____ and his _____ will fuel the heart of love.

Why will it be hard to love deeply if my heart isn’t regularly being purified by the truth?

- **Truth:** Ephesians 2:4-5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
- **Effect:** Matthew 5:43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
- **Truth & Effect:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-4 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

2. To love deeply, _____ by the enduring _____ OF GOD!

What happens when love is guided by temporary situations?

What enables the Word of God to provide enduring guidance on speaking the language of love?

- 1 John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

NOTE: Connect to the daily devotions this week to discover FIVE key realities of the Word of God that make it effective in your heart and life!

3. To love deeply, _____ the _____ of God!

What “taste” of God’s goodness have you experienced?