



# 1 PETER

## 1:22 – 2:3

*“The Baptist Church of Franklin exists to make **more** and **better** followers of Jesus Christ.”* — BCF Membership Binder

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.* —Galatians 5:22-23a

### **Read 1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3**

- Describe a time when you most felt loved by someone else. What about the situation made you feel this way? Was it something they said to you? Something they did? What else?
- Peter writes that Christian love should be *sincere, deep, and from the heart*. Practically speaking, what might this look like in real life? How does it compare with love that lacks these qualities?
- Describe what kind of person you were 20 years ago. How are you different today? Next, describe how you would like to be different 20 years from now. What will it take to get you there?

- Peter describes his listeners as infants in need of growth. They have been *born again* (1:23), like *newborn babies* who need to *grow up* in their salvation (2:2). What kind of growth seems especially important to Peter in this passage? How does the list of behaviors in 2:1 help us understand what kind of growth is expected?
  
- Peter says his listeners *have been born again not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God*. How does this impact the importance of learning to love our Christian family?
  
- What is one thing you can do this week to help you grow in love?
  
- **BONUS:** Read the whole passage surrounding Peter's quote from Isaiah 40. How does Peter use this Old Testament background to deepen his listeners' understanding of the gospel? Use your study resources to help you.