



Born Again to Love

Church
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A Look Back ... 1 Peter 1:1-21

A Look Ahead ... A Holy Life Driven by Love ... "Be holy ..."

Marks of the Born Again

1) _____ of the Soul—v. 22a
Cp. 1 Peter 1:2, 2:8, 4:17; Romans 1:5, 16:26; 2 Thess. 1:8

2) _____ Life—v. 23-25
Cp. Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:8

3) We are _____—v. 22b
Cp. 1 Thess. 4:9-10; Romans 12:9; 1 John 3:18;

That Love is to be ...

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

A Follower of Christ Simply is one who ...

1. Puts _____

2. Puts _____

3. Does so the _____

Truth for Life

For the week of February 18, 2018
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Can you think of any ways your spiritual development has changed over time? If so, explain. Just as physical growth varies for all of us, the same is true for our spiritual growth. Which of the following words could be used to describe your spiritual growth journey? Growing ... Hasn't started yet ... Falling ... Starting over ... Refreshed ... Going backwards ... Just Beginning ... Confused ... Consistent ... Struggling ... Rebellious ... Other. Why?
2. In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians (see 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10), he describes what it looks like to follow Christ. After reading the passage, jot down how Paul describes the faith of the Thessalonians, himself and his friends.

What is most attractive to you about how they live out their faith?

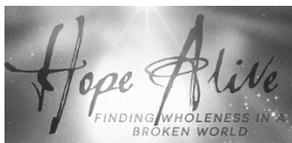
How do you think they were able to live such a life while enduring a very trying situation, "severe suffering"?

3. Following Jesus and spiritual growth are things that involve both God's Spirit working in our lives from the inside out, and us working on how God calls us to live (Philippians 2:12-13). The process of maturing can be hard work. Paul often used the analogy of athletic competition to help Christians understand their part in growing to maturity. How do the following verses increase or affirm your understanding of what it takes to develop a spiritually mature perspective?
 - Philippians 3:13-14
 - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
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- Concerning (vs. 10) – We are the Most Blessed People in History
- Therefore (vs. 13) – He is Holy ... Be like Him
- Since (vs. 17) – He is Coming Again ... Live Like it may be Today
- Now (vs. 22) – You are Born Again to Love

A Look Ahead ... A Holy Life Driven by Love ... "Be holy ..."

- What does God say to do in this situation?
- How will this impact eternity? (for myself and others)
- How will this affect other's efforts in following Christ?
- How will this impact God's reputation?

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- 2) **Transformed** Life—v. 23-25
Cp. Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:8
- 3) We are **Born Again to Love**—v. 22b
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That Love is to be ...

- a. **Sincere**
- b. **Pure**
- c. **Fervent**

Cp. Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 3:12-14; 6:19-20

A Follower of Christ Simply is one who ...

1. Puts **Christ first**
2. Puts **Others first**
3. Does so the **Rest of His Life**

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