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SEE THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER I Peter 1:22-25; Isa. 40:3-8

Introduction:

- A. The redeemed have two areas upon which relationships are built.
 - 1. The unredeemed are lost people.
 - 2. The redeemed are saved people.
- B. The redeemed are to have, not show, a special love for one another. vs. 22b.
 - 1. How can this be accomplished?

I. BECAUSE OUR SOULS ARE PURIFIED VS. 22

- A. purified your souls = chaste, clean.
 - 1. "prepare one's self by purification."
 - 2. Followed the necessary order.
- B. "obeyed the truth."
 - 1. "the result of listening."
- C. "unfeigned love."
 - 1. Not playing a part.
- D. "love one another with a pure heart fervently."
 - 1. pure = pure from everything that would change.
 - fervently = earnestly, intently.

II. BECAUSE WE ARE BORN AGAIN VS. 23

- A. "being born again."
 - 1. "not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible."
 - 2. Not mortal sperm, but immortal.
- B. "By the Word of God." through the message of God.

1. "through the message of the ever living God."

III. BECAUSE WE ARE ALL DYING, PERISHING PEOPLE. VS. 24

- A. "all flesh is as grass." Isa. 40:6.
 - 1. "hay or fodder."
 - 2. There is no substance to life.
- B. "the glory of man as the flower of grass."
 - glory = that appearance of a person or thing which attracts attention or commands recognition. Not the person or thing itself but the appearance.
 - 2. James 4:13-15.
- C. "the grass withereth."
 - 1. "to dry up, to be dried up, whither away.
- D. "the flower thereof falleth away."
 - 1. the flower = the bloom.
 - 2. "to fall from a higher to a lower."

IV. LOVE BASED ON THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE WILL ENDURE. VS. 25

- A. "But the word of the Lord endureth forever."
 - 1. endureth = stay, stand fast, continue, abide.
- B. "and this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."
 - 1. "the word that endures forever is preached unto you by the gospel."