

# ARM YOURSELVES

*A Study of 1 Peter*



**1 Peter 4**

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arm yourselves with the same way of thinking**

# 1 Peter 1

22 Since you have purified your souls by obedience to the truth, so that you have a genuine love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from a pure heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

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24 For, “All people 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 endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.



## 1 Peter 2

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

## 1. Our New Birth WILL cause us to love

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## 2. Our New Birth places us into a new family

# Peter gives us three descriptions of love

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## 6 Reasons Why Peter Focuses on the Word As He Commands Us to Love Each Other

1. The Word of God is the only tangible  
**bridge between our world and God's**

John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

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2. It is only through the Word that we know  
what truth is and it is only through truth that we can truly love

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3. It is only through the word that we can love people with eternity in mind

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4. It is through the Word that we are born again into this new family

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**James 1:18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.**

**John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

**Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.**



**1 Corinthians 15:1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.**

**3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**

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5. It is through the Word that we grow up

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### 6. It is through the word that we can love with a “pure heart”

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**Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

1 Thessalonians 2:13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.



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