

Love Fervently!
1 Peter 1:22-2:1

I. Introduction

A. *There is a price we pay to become Christian, right?*

1. No one should become a disciple of Jesus Christ without counting the cost!
2. Christianity demands a willingness to pay the price
 - A) WHAT CHRIST ASKS OF US!
3. RICH YOUNG RULER – sell it all
4. Man sells all that he has to PURCHASE FIELD with the hidden treasure or PEARL OF GREAT PRICE or
5. Luke 14:26-33

26 “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ...33 “So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

 - a) implication of passage is that the cost is very high
 - b) Salvation costs a lot!

B. *BUT – It costs a man even more to go to hell!*

1. BUT Prov 13:15 – way of the transgressor IS HARD
 - a) Eternity in hell
 - b) Life of futile speculation, darkened hearts, insecurity

C. *Cost of discipleship HIGH - give ALL to follow Christ,*

D. *BUT SMALL compared to cost of not following Christ.*

1. Jesus – My yoke is EASY - BURDEN IS LIGHT
2. 1Jn 5:3 His commandments are not burdensome!
3. COSTLY BUT EASY – A PARADOX OF CHRISTIANITY
4. Called to FOLLOW – OBEY COMMANDS of Scripture
5. also GIVEN THE ENABLING POWER of Holy Spirit
6. THE RESULT? love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,...

E. *IF we are willing*

1. to OBEY the foundational teachings of this Bible in the power of a Spirit-filled life,
2. then Christ’s yoke is easy and His burden is light.

F. *So, must also talk of the EASE OF DISCIPLESHIP because of the gift given to us in THE SPIRIT.*

G. *BUT YOU SAY –we live in a complex world! Yes we do!*

1. False Logic: The world is complex so the solutions to the problems of Christians are also complex.
2. Not true! The yoke is easy!
3. Foundations of the Christian life are SIMPLE / DIRECT

H. One step further–You DESIRE TO PLEASE GOD –right?

1. IMPLANTED IN THE HEART of a believer is the DESIRE of wanting to be what God wants you to be
2. Rom 7 – Paul: sin = something he doesn't want to do
 - a) Clear message that he wants to obey God
 - b) When he doesn't it is that "flesh" that hangs on to his redeemed nature!
 - c) The NEW Paul DESIRES to do good!
3. Can summarize and say that within every believer is the desire to do what is right – a longing to do so!
4. I.e. we hate sin and love righteousness!
5. we still sin – but want to do what is right
6. BUT THAT LONGING IS NOT ENOUGH TO BRING TO FRUITION WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF US!
7. To assume that it is to be as a child who dreams of being like Michael Jordan! - "BE LIKE MIKEY"
 - a) kids TRYING to make Michael Jordan moves
 - b) Carving their way to the basket like MIKEY!
 - c) Turning and fading away jump shots LIKE MIKEY!
 - d) To BE LIKE MIKEY takes FAR MORE THAN JUST DREAMS AND DESIRE!
 - e) What do you need?
 - (1) CAPABILITY
 - (2) Pursue an overall life of PREPARATION!
 - (a) Builds a foundation of strength and endurance and agility and speed (running, lifting, sports, etc.)
 - (b) Builds in the Sport of specialty training – Larry Byrd training!
 - f) When Michael Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to title after title...40+ points in a game to save a World Championship Title...given the ball with mere seconds left...whole team knowing he was the person that had to be stopped...he went through them as a knife through butter to win a game
 - (1) IT WASN'T JUST FROM YEARS OF DESIRE!
 - (2) HE DREW ON THOUSANDS OF HOURS of PRACTICE and PLAYING!
 - g) Paderewski – famous concert pianist said – "if you knew how I hard I practiced, my performances would seem like so great! – If I miss ONE day of Practice I KNOW IT – If I miss TWO days of PRACTICE – YOU'LL KNOW IT!
8. Suggest – THERE are MANY Christians who HAVE THE DESIRE to BE LIKE CHRIST – THE DESIRE TO LIFE IN SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE – BUT DO NOT HAVE THE LIFE OF DAILY DISCIPLINE NECESSARY to PRODUCE IT.
9. To truly be able to "DO WHAT JESUS WOULD DO" takes a spiritually disciplined / trained life.
10. NOT LEGALISM -Don't go there
 - a) You're making up excuses to not obey God
 - b) heart-felt, sincere, Spirit-led obedience to Christ.

11. Again - THERE are MANY Christians who HAVE THE DESIRE to BE LIKE CHRIST – THE DESIRE TO LIVE LIFE IN SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE – BUT DO NOT HAVE THE LIFE OF DAILY DISCIPLINE NECESSARY to PRODUCE IT.
12. Wishing / desiring DOES NOT enable them to “do what Jesus would do” IN THAT MOMENT OF TRIAL
13. Why many sincere, well-wishing Christians fail miserably in trials – momentary and sustained trials!
14. Yoke is easy and the burden is light WHEN YOU HAVE PREPARED WITH YEARS OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE – walking in obedience to commands of God
15. No shortcuts
16. Strength, courage, boldness, depth, spirituality is built
 - a) day-by-day, moment-by-moment, thought-by-thought
 - b) decision-by-decision, action-by-action
 - c) BASED on precept after precept obediently acted on from the Word of God.
17. You can't be out-of-shape, overweight, and expect to come up to the starting line and run a 4 minute mile or a 5 or a 6!
18. So it is with the Christian life.
 - a) We just studied 1 Pet 1 AND Peter pounded us with the necessity of
 - (1) PREPARING our minds—spiritual mental discipline
 - (2) While being SOBER – spiritual life discipline
 - (3) Being HOLY
 - (4) Conducting our lives in healthy holy FEAR because God chastens us to get us back on track.
 - b) This is a life of spiritual discipline, discernment, determination and dedication!
 - c) V.13-21 response to God for salvation He provided

I. Today - We are going to study

1. What our response toward others is commanded to be
2. How we are to do this
3. SO THAT we can ENJOY the EASY YOKE and the LIGHT BURDEN of Jesus Christ – EVEN IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS.

J. TURN TO 1 Peter 1:22-2:2 to read...

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart

23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

24 For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” And this is the word which was preached to you.

1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

K. WHY THE LECTURE ON DISCIPLINE / HARD WORK?

1. EMPTIEST, MOST MEANINGLESS PHRASE in the English language: "I love you."
2. How many billions of times said but
 - a) Not backed up with ACTION – hence, not true
 - b) Say it, want to do it, think we mean it – but DON'T because we don't live a life capable of DELIVERING that love.
 - c) Then we pray – Oh God I've sinned – please take this anger, this lack of love from me so that I can love my wife, husband, child, parent."
 - d) See today – God says – YOU TAKE IT AWAY!

II. What are we to do TOWARD OTHERS in RESPONSE to the great salvation God has provided us? – LOVE ONE ANOTHER

A. Love One Another

B. Key driving command of this section

1. V.1-12 Faith in God
2. V.13-21 Hope in God
3. V.22-25 Love toward your brethren

III. How are we to do this "Love One Another"?

Have to study it according to the Grammatical Structure...

- ❑ Condition: After having purified your souls
- ❑ Characteristics
- ❑ Concurrence (i.e. while loving one another concurrently Putting aside 2:1...

A. Key: Through the Word of God

1. God's truth in His word is the GLUE that weaves this passage together
2. Most CONCENTRATED NT passage on WORD of GOD
3. Thread:
 - a) Word's Authority: v.22 "the truth"
 - b) Word's effectiveness:
 - (1) v.23 "seed"
 - (2) v.25 "word which was preached to you"
 - c) Eternality: v.23 "seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God"
 - (1) Illustrated against the grass and flower v.24-25
 - d) Desirability: v2:2 "milk"
4. EVERYTHING we are to do from this passage – COMES THROUGH the WORD – BY OBEDIENCE to the WORD.

B. Condition: After having purified your souls

v.22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren

1. VERY IMPORTANT STRUCTURE "have... purified"
 - a) = Participle preceding a Command
 - b) SETS THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE COMMAND MUST OCCUR
2. Two Sides
 - a) Saved Christian—ONLY CHRISTIAN can love this way
 - (1) Salvation is biblically described as "obedience to the truth" (Rom 1:5)
 - (2) MUST FIRST BE SAVED
 - (3) MUST follow FAITH and HOPE in GOD
 - (a) Love IMPOSSIBLE apart from God.
 - (b) You CANNOT love this way ASIDE FROM GOD WORKING IN YOUR HEART!
 - (4) Also emphasized in v.23-25

23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
24 For, "All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, And the flower falls off, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word which was preached to you.

 - (a) Not going to focus here today
 - (b) Peter- being born again THROUGH the LIVING and ABIDING WORD of GOD is the FOUNDATION to being able to LOVE!
 - (c) It's a PRE-CONDITION!
 - (d) V.24-25 is AN ILLUSTRATION of the ETERNAL WORD vs. TEMPORAL grass and flower that dies.
 - (e) So, just leave those verses for today...
 - b) OBEDIENT, PURE CHRISTIAN – This love can only be exhibited by one purified in his/her heart by obedience to the word of God.

22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren,

 - (1) Greek order EMPHASIZES YOUR ACTION OF PURIFICATION (opposite the NAS)
 - (a) Literally: Since you are in a state of having purified your souls in the obedience of the truth
 - (2) SO –look at purification first...
 - (3) Peter: "GIVEN that you have done the above (v.13-21) = purified your minds, Hope completely, become holy, Conduct yourselves in fear of God's chastening, etc IN RESPONSE TO GOD for the GREAT SALVATION He has provided.
 - (4) "Soul" here = WHOLE MANNER OF LIFE – PURIFY your WHOLE MANNER OF LIFE.

- (5) What does it mean to “[PURIFY](#)”?
- (a) SAME as BECOME HOLY! (v.15)
 - (b) Separate Yourself from SIN
 - (c) GET THE SIN OUT OF YOUR LIFE!
 - (d) Why?
 - (i) BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY
 - (ii) AND YOU ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A HOLY GOD
 - (iii) GOD EXPECTS HIS PEOPLE TO BE HOLY..
- (6) “NOW – as a RESULT towards your BROTHERS in CHRIST – LOVE ONE ANOTHER FERVENTLY...”
- c) BEYOND DESIRE = Nike’s JUST DO IT!...
 - d) VERB is ACTIVE – YOU ARE DOING THE ACTION (empowered by HS).
3. [in obedience to the truth](#)=in THE obedience to THE truth
- a) Used for IDENTITY
 - b) Peter: I’m TALKING ABOUT THE SAME OBEDIENCE talking about throughout whole chapter
 - c) The Truth = the word of God
4. [“for a sincere love of the brethren”](#) =
- a) “for” = for the RESULT of ...
 - b) Now let’s look at these characteristics...

C. Characteristics of this Love

1. Sincere Love

- a) > Words
- b) REAL, EXPRESSED Love= SACRIFICIAL love
- c) Why would Peter ADD SINCERE here?
- d) literally “WITHOUT HYPOCRISY” =SAYING one thing and BEING / DOING another
- e) GREEK THEATRE=PERSON WHO WORE A MASK
- f) “I LOVE YOU” is one of the MOST HYPOCRITICAL PHRASES in the ENGLISH LANGUAGE
 - (1) SAY IT AND DON’T MEAN IT
 - (2) Say it and DON’T SHOW it. = a MASK!
- g) Paul (Rom 12:9) [Let love be without hypocrisy...](#)
- h) Peter – BE SINCERE = sacrificial love.

2. Brother-Love=Love of Christians:

- a) Seen twice
 - (1) You’ve [purified your heart for a sincere love of the brethren \(v.22a\)](#)
 - (2) Love [ONE ANOTHER](#)” (v.22b)

- b) FIRST - Greek word "Philadelphia" = Brother-love
 (1) Not BROTHERLY LOVE Rather BROTHER LOVE
 (2) I.e. – NOT love AS-IF you're my brother
 (3) RATHER – love BECAUSE YOU ARE my Brother!
 (4) Noun form used to show that the object of your love IS YOUR CHRISTIAN BROTHER
- c) SECOND – ONE ANOTHER= Same thing – CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
 (1) MARKS Jesus Christ's disciples!
 (2) John 13:34 love one another, ...By this all men will know that you are My disciples,
 (3) John: "message heard from beginning!" (1Jn 3:11)
 (4) Part of being a Christian!
 (a) 1 John 3:14-15 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren.
 (b) 1 John 4:7,20 – Don't love = Not Christian!
 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ...
 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

3. Volitional (Willful) Love

- a) **Love of Will:** Agape Love =Love of OBEDIENCE
 (1) Consistent theme of Peter and Scripture
 (2) Peter (Partial list of uses...)
 (a) 1:8 Love of Jesus – He whom we have not seen but Love.
 (b) 1:22 Love of the brethren
 (c) 4:8 Love of the brethren (fervently - one another again)
 (3) Love Taught to you by God (1Thes 4:9)
 9 Now as to the love of the brethren(Phil.), you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love(agape) one another
 (4) God has taught you HOW to WILLFULLY and SACRIFICIALLY love ONE ANOTHER
 (5) Suggest – THROUGH JESUS CHRIST'S WILLFUL SACRIFICE
 (6) God TAUGHT YOU THROUGH His SON – DEMONSTRATED to You
 (7) That LOVE has BEEN Poured OUT IN YOUR HEART through the HS.– Rom 5:5
- b) Unconditional love – NO CONDITIONS IN THIS VERSE!
- c) Love of Hosea for his wife – a love that would buy her back out of prostitution!

4. Fervent Love

- a) Literally: STRETCHEDLY
- b) Jesus and woman with withered hand – told her to Stretch forth her hand = verb form of this word.
- c) Here – an ADJECTIVE = HAVE a STRETCHING LOVE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER!
- d) 1 Peter 4:8 – makes it an ADVERB
 - 8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.
 - (1) Love STRETCHINGLY
 - (2) WHY?
 - (3) 4:8 Because this love covers a multitude of sins!
- e) Do you see it? – THIS LOVE just keeps STRETCHING and STRETCHING and STRETCHING to COVER!
- f) It Covers WHATEVER others do to us!
- g) THIS LOVE SO FULLY STRETCHES that SINS/FAULTS CEASE to be PROBLEMS in our eyes.
- h) Far Beyond helping your wife with dishes, buying flowers! Meets REAL NEEDS

5. Heart Love: “From the Heart”

- a) Beyond PHYSICAL and EMOTIONAL
- b) = INTERNALLY MOTIVATED BY THE WILL
- c) DEEP DOWN CHOICE –
- d) TIES TO the WILLFUL, VOLITIONAL nature of THIS LOVE AND focuses on the PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT in that CHOICE
- e) Not EXTERNALLY compelled.
- f) Not trivialized down to affection, emotion.
- g) DEEP DOWN INSIDE YOU CHOOSE to love.
- h) Literal Greek: “from the heart” in the emphatic position – “from the heart love one another”
- i) Peter putting TREMENDOUS EMPHASIS on the Pre-Conditions and the PLACE / CHOICE this love comes from

D. Concurrences (To love one another must CONCURRENTLY (in concurrence):

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

- 1. 2:1 THEREFORE
 - a) Shouldn't be a chapter break here!
 - b) “Therefore” goes back to the command to love
- 2. “Putting aside” = Literally = “After having put aside
 - a) Not continuous action BUT JUST DO IT ACTION
 - b) Middle Voice – “I MYSELF DO IT”
 - (1) Not “OH GOD PLEASE TAKE THIS OUT OF MY LIFE...” I MYSELF DO IT!

- c) One of Peter's FAMOUS PARTICIPLES
- d) Why? Look at v.2
 1 Peter 2:1-2 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,
 2 like newborn babies, **long for the pure milk of the word**, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
 (1) See the "LONG for ..." = COMMAND.
 (2) Again – have a Participle that sets the context in which the command must take place.
 (a) I.e. – have to have put aside all of these things BEFORE you CAN LONG FOR THE WORD OF GOD!
 (3) BUT WAIT! – V.1 is ALSO tied to the COMMAND TO LOVE with the "THEREFORE"
- e) Called a "STRING of PEARLS" argument
 (1) =flow of consciousness argument
 (2) =one subject to the next related subject.
- f) Peter has strung pearls together from Chapter 1!
 (1) GREAT SALVATION in v.3-12
 (2) RESPONSE TO GOD for it in v.13-21
 (3) V.22 After having purified your souls (string tying the next section back to the first)
 (4) V.22 LOVE ONE ANOTHER FERVENTLY (pearl)
 (5) 2:1 THEREFORE, after having put aside (String again)
 (6) 2:2 LONG for the pure milk of the word...
- g) What is Peter saying here?
 (1) FIRST – BY IMPLICATION and "therefore"
 (a) THIS LIST is a SPECIFIC list of SINS that you must PUT ASIDE in order to FERVENTLY LOVE ONE ANOTHER.
 (b) THINK of them as the PUT-OFF side and the LOVE ONE ANOTHER as the PUT ON SIDE.
 (c) Have to do BOTH.
 (d) When I first read this thought –
 (i) "Oh, I must've gotten rid of these when I focused on my purification of v.22, my holiness of v.15"
 (ii) Becoming Holy, Purifying my life – REAL general
 (iii) THIS LIST – VERY SPECIFIC HINDRANCES to Loving one another fervently
 (2) SECOND – Loving one another AND PUTTING ASIDE these things ARE a PRE-CONDITION to BEING ABLE to LONG for the WORD of GOD

3. Look at the list to PUT ASIDE:

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

- a) "All malice" =
 - (1) Every desire to do evil to a neighbor
 - (2) Doing EVIL is the OPPOSITE of LOVING someone!
- b) "All deceit" =
 - (1) Word means "to catch with a baited hook"
 - (2) = Falsely entice or allure
- c) "hypocrisy" (REALLY PLURAL = hypocrisies)
 - (1) Plural means – ALL FORMS/Kinds of Hypocrisy
 - (2) Same root as "sincere" in v.22 where it was NEGATED
 - (3) Root form with the idea of wearing a mask
 - (4) Looking like one thing- underneath being another
- d) "envy" (another PLURAL = envies)
 - (1) Again – PLURAL = ALL FORMS
 - (2) = Longing for what other people have = jealousy
- e) "all slander"
 - (1) literally = "to talk down"
 - (2) = backbiting, disparaging remarks, evil speaking
 - (3) Happens BEHIND a PERSON'S BACK (DECEIT is to their face...)
- f) EASY TO SEE HOW THESE HINDER / DESTROY WILLFUL LOVE!
 - (1) WILLFUL evil PRECLUDES WILLFUL love!
 - (2) VERY Specific OPPOSITES!

IV. Application: Review the slide and the points

A. DO you understand why the PRE-CONDITION that you HAVE TO BE HOLY – PURIFIED IN OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD - BEFORE YOU CAN LOVE LIKE THIS?

1. YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SACRIFICE YOUR
 - a) Feelings
 - b) Attitudes
 - c) Rights
 - d) YOUR DESIRES– to MEET REAL NEED WITH LOVE
2. Here- general principle of HOLINESS –
 - a) 2:1 SPECIFICS that Hinder LOVE.
3. THIS IS NOT – "God, help me" stuff!
4. NO – YOU can/must do this!
5. MUST live a holy life BEFORE you can love.
6. James 1:21 Therefore, putting aside (AMP – AFTER HAVING PUT ASIDDE) all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted,

B. VOLITIONAL/ WILLFUL: Not: “ I can’t love so-and-so!”

1. Be honest and say “I won’t love”
2. This is willful love – not emotional love
3. love that didn’t have MEANING UNTIL AFTER CALVARY
 - a) Jesus showed us this love -Now we can understand it

C. FERVENT – a stretching Love

1. This love STRETCHEDLY COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS!
 - a) IT so covers that sins / faults - CEASE TO BE FAULTS in our eyes.
 - b) You can’t do that unless you can give your desires back to God for the sake of loving someone else.
2. We VERBALIZE this love, we PROMISE this love – ARE WE WILLING to EXPRESS this kind of love?

D. PUTTING ASIDES –

1. YOU MUST PUT THESE ASIDE
2. REPEAT: Not “God help me kind of stuff”
3. Not “God, I’ve sinned against my wife (malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander) – PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY so that I can Love her!”
 - a) God says “YOU TAKE IT AWAY”
 - b) I’ve given My Son / My Spirit
 - c) Walk in obedience by the empowering of MY SPIRIT and you can stop these evil desires of your flesh
 - d) Heb 12:4 [You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;](#)
4. You say, “God, I hate this anger, bitterness, resentment”
 - a) You know what – NO YOU DON’T
 - b) YOU’RE MORE IN LOVE WITH YOUR ANGER THAN YOU ARE WITH YOUR WIFE OR WITH GOD
 - c) MORE IN LOVE WITH YOUR LUSTS, DESIRES, WANTS
 - d) -> MORE IN LOVE WITH YOU!
 - e) IDOLATRY OF SELF!

E. Peter: TRUE EXPRESSION OF LOVE NOT GOING TO HAPPEN UNTIL

1. YOU PURIFY your LIFE in OBEDIENCE to the TRUTH
2. YOU PUT ASIDE ALL THESE THINGS THAT HINDER OUR ABILITY TO LOVE
 - a) Things we HOLD on to in our hearts so strongly against others.

F. ASK YOURSELF – What in my life that prohibits me from RESPONDING to GOD with a Sincere, brother, volitional, fervent, heart love TOWARD OTHERS?

G. GOD- through CHRIST – at CALVARY made it possible to put these things off.

H. ANY LACK of FERVENT LOVE is because YOU are UNWILLING to OBEY the WORD of GOD.

I. AND - to PILE it ON – IF you do not love like this YOU CANNOT THIRST FOR THE WORD OF GOD.

1. WILL NOT LONG FOR PURE MILK OF THE WORD.
2. OBEDIENCE TO LOVE is a requirement for THIRSTING / LONGING.

J. Is your desire for the word a ONCE-IN-AWHILE THING?

1. Do you struggle to study even AN HOUR a day
2. Let alone MORE THAN THAT?
3. CHECK your LOVE LIFE – YOUR HOLINESS
4. LOOK AT that list that HINDERS LOVE.
5. You've got a PROBLEM SOMEWHERE!

K. God has told you THROUGH HIS WORD WHAT TO DO.

1. IF YOUR LOVE LIFE ISN'T WHERE IT SHOULD BE
2. YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORD isn't where it should be
3. THEN YOU HAVEN'T OBEYED GOD'S WORD.

L. WE All want to FERVENTLY LOVE ONE ANOTHER –

M. EXAMINE Your HEART AND YOUR LIFE to see where GOD wants to you GROW so that YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND MORE AND MORE.