

Stretch Your Love to the Limit

1st Peter 1:22-25

(series #7)

Intro: the possibility of familiarity breeding contempt

I. The Foundation of Our Ability to Love v. 22a

A. “Since you have purified your souls...”

B. “Unto a sincere love of the brethren”

II. The Command to Love v. 22b

A. We should love fervently (deeply, earnestly)

B. We should love practically - 1st Cor. 13:4-7

1. Love is patient
2. Love is kind
3. Love does not envy
4. Love does not brag
5. Love is not arrogant
6. Love does not behave rudely
7. Love does not seek its own
8. Love is not provoked
9. Love does not keep record of wrongs

III. The Basis for and Reason to Love vv. 23-25

A. “Having been born again”

B. “Through the word of God”

1. James 1:18
2. Isaiah 40:6-8
3. Hebrews 4:12

C. The Gospel

Conclusion: Stretch your love to the limit!