



**Gospel-Created Love**  
**5<sup>th</sup> in the “Elect Exiles” Series**  
**1 Peter 2:1-8 p. 1014**  
December 10, 2017  
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**Introduction**

In this passage God explains spiritual maturity and how it gives birth to a love for others.

**The Text: 1 Peter 2:1-8**

1) A gospel-driven holiness (1 Pet 1:13-25) finds expression in a sincere love for others (v. 1).

2) True Christian love can only happen when you “love” the right things (vv. 2-3).

3) “Your best life now” is found in Christ and his church, and in his priestly service (vv. 4-8).

*(a) Christ is the epitome of beauty, but not all humanity can see it (v. 4)*

*(b) Every Christian is joined to God through Christ and established in the life and presence of God (v. 5a).*

*(c) Every Christian is honored by being given a priestly assignment in service to God (v. 5b-7a)*

*(d) Everyone outside God’s life and service has no honor and is destined for ruin (vv. 7b-8)*

**Response**

- Do you love the right thing?

## Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 2:1-8

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- 1) Starter Question: What does a real love for others look like?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does a Christian “put away” or remove malice and hate (v. 1)?
- 4) How does the simile of “newborn infants” in v. 2 help explain the way the Christian should desire spiritual nourishment and growth (i.e., “milk”)?
- 5) What does the phrase “grow up into salvation” mean (v. 2)? What does that teach us about the process of salvation?
- 6) Read v. 3 alongside Ps. 34:8. How can a person “taste” the goodness of God?
- 7) What is the significance of the temple metaphor in v. 5? What does that look like in the real life of Christians and the church today?
- 8) How are Christians supposed to serve as a “holy priesthood,” offering spiritual sacrifices to God (v. 5)?
- 9) How is Christ the desire of the Christian and the destruction of the non-Christian (vv. 6-8)?
- 10) This text teaches the Christian the importance of what we love. How can we grow in our love of God and desire him over all other things?

**Further study this week:** Ps. 34 on the sweet taste of God (Mon); Psalm 118 on the goodness of Christ (Tues); Matt 21:23-46 on Jesus’ authority (Wed); Acts 4:1-22 on Jesus over all else (Thurs); Isa 28:14-29 on the judgment of Christ (Fri).