

The Life Produced by Christ

Peter says there are two natural responses when we experience God's salvation.

1. We truly love God's people (1 Peter 1:22-25)

- A. Love is initiated at conversion.
Purification is the work of the Spirit in the obedient person.
Acts 15:9
- B. Love must be transparent and genuine (1 Peter 1:22)
1 Thessalonians 4:9-10
- C. Love is a reflection of the life-giving word – the possession of every believer. (1 Peter 1:23-25)
 - 1. Life has come to us through the living and enduring word of God.
 - 2. This life is not temporal but eternal. It is transforming.
1 John 3:9-10

2. We desire growth.

- (1 Peter 2:1-3) It is spontaneous.
- A. First, there must be a clear break with the things that impede growth. Hebrews 12:1
 - 1. All malice is ill will toward people.
 - 2. All deceit is the attitude that desires to get the better of another person by deception.
 - 3. Hypocrisy is presenting a face that is different from the heart.
 - 4. Envy is displeasure when someone else does well.
 - 5. Slander is speech that runs down another person.
 - B. Natural craving for the word of God must be pursued.
1 Peter 2:2