

"1 Peter"
Love & Unity
1:22-2:3

July 26, 2020

Intro.:

Last week: Holiness/godliness

1:15- but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

Remember who the enemy is. (John 13:35)

How to be unified

1. **Purified** souls (v 22)
2. Obey the **truth** (v 22)
3. Sincere **mutual** love (v 22)

A command (v 22b)

Love

[*agapaō*] - intensely vs. [*philadelphia*] - brotherly

Supportive (Galatians 6:1-2)

Remember (v 23-25)

1. We are **family** (v 23a) (2 Corinthians 6:16b-7:1)
2. We have the **same** source of truth (v 23b)

God's Word (Hebrews 4:12; (Matthew 13:3b-11, 16-23)

Contrast (Matthew 26:38, 40-41)

3. Relationship **killers** (v 1) (Hebrews 12:1)

Evil/malice [*kakia*] - desire to injure.
Deceit [*dolos*] - decoy. Cunning, treachery.
Hypocrisy - [*hypokrisis*] - two faced.
Envy - [*phthonos*] - inappropriate jealousy.
Slander - [*katalalia*] - evil speaking, defamation.

4. Like **goals** (v 2)

Application

1. Living like **family** (Romans 12:5)

Gossiping, complaining about leadership and decisions, criticism, cliques.

Examine yourself

2. **Applying** the Word (James 1:19-22)

3. Relationship **struggles** (1 Peter 2:1)

4. **Appropriate** desire (Mark 12:30)

Where do you give your time, energy, and money?

Do you worship something other than God?

Unified in love because you have experienced the Lord's kindness and grace.

Your action point(s): _____

Next week: Communion