

The New People of God

Proclamation Life Groups; 1 Peter 1:22-2:10; Week of Sunday, April 8, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – The gospel is the power of God for salvation and for sanctification, marked by our love for one another and our ongoing reconciled relationships. The gospel is also the power of God to make us the people of God, marked by holiness and gospel proclamation.

I. Love as the Family of God – 1 Peter 1:22-25

- A. What do you think it means to “love one another earnestly from a pure heart”?

- B. What are all the things we learn about the Word of God in verses 23-25?

- C. What is the significance of the Word of God being described as the living word (v.23)?

- D. What is your orientation to the preached Word? Do you often think about it as a time when the imperishable seed is being planted that can cause a person to be born again?

II. Long for the Word of God – 1 Peter 2:1-3

- A. Why do you think it’s so important to put away all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander? If we were able to do so completely, what do you think the church would be like?

- B. What do you think it would look like for a person to long for the pure milk of the word? Have you experienced seasons like this in your Christian life? What was it like?

- C. How is the Word of God critical for putting sin to death and walking in righteousness?

- D. Why do you think Peter includes the “if” clause in verse 3? What do you think it means?

III. Live as the People of God – 1 Peter 2:4-10

- A. What are the images that Peter provides us with in verses 4-10? How do you think they help clarify the connection between the Lord Jesus Christ and the people of God?

- B. What do you think it means for believers to be a spiritual house or a holy priesthood?

- C. How do unbelievers respond to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the Word of God (vv.7-8)?

- D. How does our identity of being a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation motivate us to proclaim the excellencies of God who called us out of darkness and into light?