

Holiness in the Church

Proclamation Life Groups; 1 Peter 1:22-2:10; Week of Sunday, February 28, 2021; 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”? What would be some of the areas in your life where you would like to earnestly love the family of God?
- B. What are all the things we learn about the Word of God in verses 23-25? What is your orientation to the preached Word? Do you think about it as a time when the imperishable seed is being planted that can cause a person to either be born again or continue to grow?
- C. In what areas would you like to grow in your relationships with the people at Christ Proclamation Church? What things would you like to start doing or stop doing?

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

- A. Why do you think malice, deceit, hypocrisy and slander are so destructive in relationships? If we could put these things away completely, what impact would that have on our church?
- B. What do you think it looks like for a person to crave the Word the God? Have you experienced seasons like this in your Christian life? How would you describe them?
- 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 Peter means by saying, “If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good?”

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

- A. What are the images that Peter provide in verses 4-10? How do you think they help clarify the connections between the Lord Jesus Christ, salvation, 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)? Do you think that’s a helpful summary, “That they disobey the Word?” Why or why not?
- D. How does our identity of being a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation motivate you to proclaim the excellencies of God who called you out of darkness and into light?