("The Serious Christian" - Part 4) "A FERVENT LOVE"

I Peter 1:22-25

INTRODUCTION:

* "Love one another with a pure heart fervently" (v. 22)

How can we sincerely love one another? Where does this capacity to love come from?

2 prerequisites to having "agape" love:

I. A PURIFIED SOUL (v. 22)

II. A <u>NEW BIRTH</u> (v. 23-25)

Features of the new birth:

A. The new birth is not of human origin (v. 23a, 24) *"not of corruptible seed"*

B. The new birth is accomplished by the eternal Word of God (v. 23b, 25) "by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever"

CONCLUSION