

# "A Living Hope"

## "Family Ties" - Part 4

1 Peter 1:22-2:10

"Peter calls for spiritual unity in God's family; for us to recognize our family ties, which go far beyond bloodline. Just as physical families have their ups and downs--odd-balls, rifts and rewards--so it is with our spiritual family, which God is building and unifying by His Spirit. We must cooperate with His Spirit and not just *be* united but *live* united."

*Family Ties* that Bind, Build & Boost toward God-objectives:

### 1<sup>st</sup> The Expression of Christ's Love (Ch. 1:22)

"...let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." ~1 John 4:7-8

"...because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." ~Romans 5:5

### 2<sup>nd</sup> The New Birth Experience (Ch. 1:23-25)

"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope..."  
~1 Peter 1:3

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Extracting Nourishment from the Word (Ch. 2:1-3)

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” ~Psalm 119:103

“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?” ~1 Corinthians 3:1-3

#### 4<sup>th</sup> The Building-Block Phenomenon (Ch. 2:4-8)

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” ~Matthew 16:18

“...you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” ~Ephesians 2:19-22

#### 5<sup>th</sup> An Extreme Uniqueness...for His Glory (Ch. 2:9-10)

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” ~Ephesians 2:10

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