



## TASTE AND SEE

1 Peter 1:14 – 23

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ...*

– 1 Peter 1:14 (ESV)

**The Challenge: Move forward into who God is making us, not backward into who we were**

*... but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." – 1 Peter 1:15 – 16 (ESV)*

**The Promise: God doesn't just call us to holiness; He commits to forming it in us**

*"Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.' ..."*

– Leviticus 19:2 (NIV)

*"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." – Leviticus 19:2 (ESV)*

*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ... – 1 Peter 1:22 – 23 (ESV)*

**The Greatest Command: Love one another**

*So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. – Acts 12:5 (ESV)*

*And being in agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. – Luke 22:44 (ESV)*

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. – 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV)*

*"... but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. ...*

*So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. – 1 Peter 1:25 – 2:1 (ESV)*

- **Put away malice ... and make room for love**
- **Put away hypocrisy ... and live in truth**
- **Put away envy ... and celebrate others**
- **Put away slander ... and speak life**

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. – 1 Peter 2:2 – 3 (ESV)*

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SWIMMING AGAINST THE CURRENT

## MESSAGE SUMMARY

This passage reminds us that following Jesus is not just about knowing truth; it's about being transformed by it. Because we've been made new through Christ, God is actively shaping us into a holy, love-filled people. That means letting go of attitudes and behaviors that damage relationships, and intentionally growing in honest, selfless, Christ-like love. As we stay rooted in God's Word and continue to "taste" His goodness, our desires begin to change, and real transformation shows up in how we treat one another.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use as many or as few of these questions as are helpful for your group or family discussion.

- Discussion Starter: What's one small, everyday situation where it's surprisingly easy to be selfish instead of loving?
- Read 1 Peter 1:14–16. What does it mean to be “conformed” versus “holy”? How does seeing holiness as a promise (not just a command) change the way you read this passage?
- Peter connects holiness to love. What are some real-life signs that your love for others is actually growing?
- Read 1 Peter 2:2–3. What does it look like to “long for” God's Word like a newborn desires milk? What tends to compete with or dull your spiritual appetite?
- Where are you most tempted to “pretend you're fine” instead of being real? How does honesty create space for deeper love and connection in community?
- Read John 13:34–35. How does Jesus' command to love connect with Peter's teaching here? What does Jesus say is the ultimate evidence of a transformed life?
- Read 1 Peter 2:1. Which “love-buster” is God specifically asking you to let go of right now, and what would it look like to replace it with Christlike love this week? Bring what you share to the Lord together in prayer.