

# Rock Solid Love

## Part 1



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Peter's love for his Friend and Lord, Jesus Christ, was at one time on shaky ground when he denied that he even knew Jesus. His love would even get questioned by Christ later on (John 21:15-17).

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But now Peter knows that love for Christ and love for His people is all part of the same package. A relationship with God includes an affection for God's people. Four components of a rock-solid love are given by the very man who learned what true love is.

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Our society is becoming less personal

Harvard Business Review found that teen performance went up 50% when teens socialized more and emailed less

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One thing we should be good at as a church—  
love; personal not virtual

"Sincere love of the brethren" (v. 22)

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1. You are elect
2. You have a living hope
3. It does not fade away
4. You have what the prophets predicted,  
preachers proclaimed, and what the angels  
ponder

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Live holy lives in obedience to God

God redeemed you at an incredible price

Vince Lombardi said that you had to teach fundamentals, give discipline, and care for and love each other



# Four basic instructions on how to have a winning team among believers

1. Demonstrate your personal liberty
2. Celebrate your spiritual family
3. Radiate a mutual loyalty
4. Cultivate scriptural dependency

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Demonstrate your personal liberty

You have been cleansed in the past, and you have new capabilities in the present

You should love because you are a saved person (see Galatians 5:22-23)

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Once we have been saved, we have been set free to love other people

If your father and mother, sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in your house are not happier for you being a Christian, it's a question whether you really are." — Hudson Taylor

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*Anupokritos*: without hypocrisy—don't be phony in your love

Hypocrisy is to do the devil's work in God's uniform" — Matthew Henry

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Judas Iscariot is someone who had insincere love (see Matthew 26:49 and John 12:5-6)

Real love will heal people's hearts

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“I'm convinced nine out of every ten people seeing a psychiatrist don't need one. They need somebody who will love them with God's love, and they will get well.”

Dr. Paul Tournier

Celebrate your spiritual family

You are in a spiritual family because you've  
had a spiritual birth

We are in the same family because of our  
second birth

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Blood is thicker than water

"You can be a good doctor without loving your patients, you can be a great lawyer without loving your clients, but you cannot be a good Christian without love." —

D.L. Moody



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Some of us have really messed up; love each other in spite of it

We will get through this

Make a decision to show love, the feelings  
will follow—the feelings follow the act of  
love

## Final Thoughts

The apostle John had to be carried when he  
was older

His sermons were five words long: "Little  
children, love one another"

Jesus' command to love one another is still the  
most basic and the most difficult for us to do

We can do it because we've been set free