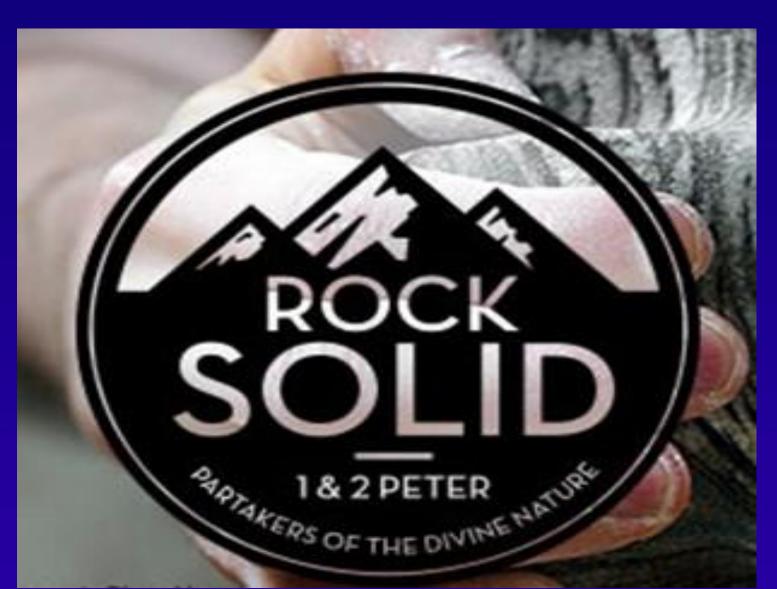
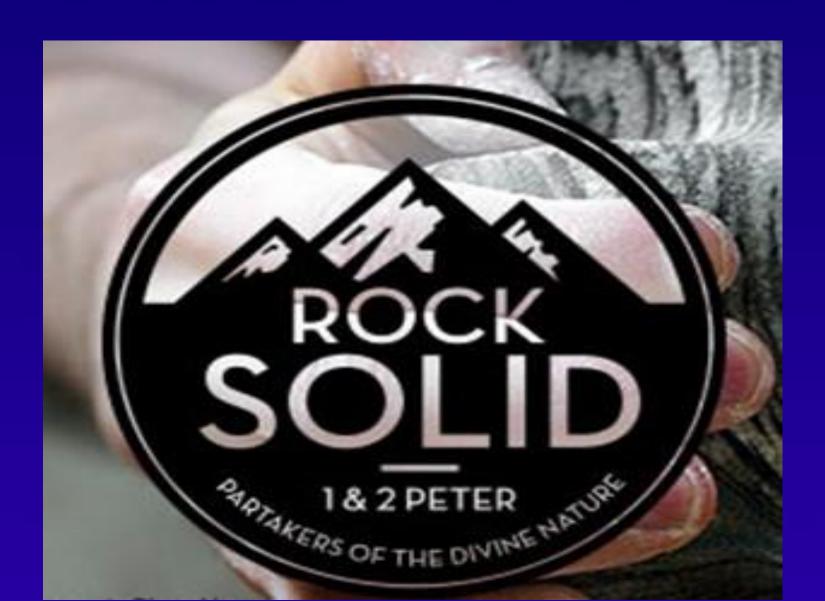
Rock Solid Love Part 1



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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.

Our society is becoming less personal

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

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

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

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

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

- 1.Demonstrate your <u>personal</u> <u>liberty</u>
 - 2.Celebrate your spiritual family
 - 3. Radiate a mutual loyalty
 - 4. Cultivate scriptural dependency

Demonstrate your personal liberty

You have been <u>cleansed</u> in the past, and you have new <u>capabilities</u> in the present

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

Once we have been saved, we have been set free to <u>love</u> 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

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

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

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

Real love will heal people's hearts

"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; <u>love</u> 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