

Since you have, in obedience to the truth, purified your souls <u>for</u> a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart."

- 1 Peter 1:22

"Our mouth has spoken freely to you, Oh Corinthians, our heart is opened wide. You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections. Now in a like exchange - I speak as to children - open wide to us also."

- 2 Corinthians 6:11-13

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor..."

- Romans 12:10

DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS:

- 1. Read the following scriptures about the Holy Spirit:
 - John 3:6
 - Titus 3:5
 - John 14:17, 26
 - Acts 2:38
 - Acts 8:29

- Acts 9:31
- Acts 13:4
- Romans 5:5
- Romans 8:23
- Romans 8:26

- Galatians 5:6
- Colossians 1:8
- 1 John 2:27
- 2. How do these scriptures shape the way you see the importance of the Holy Spirit in you daily life?
- 3. What are some of the areas you would like the Holy Spirit to give you instruction in?
- 4. What does loving the brethren look like to you? Are there ways you can show fervent/sincere love that you have never thought of or done before?

NEXT STEPS: 1. What brother or sister in the Lord can you reach out to and make a connection with this week? 2. What action steps can you take in not only purifying your heart, but keeping it pure, empty of living for self or self-protecting? 3. Who can you be accountable to in measuring your progress? When will you ask them to do this? *SMART Goals: a. Specific - Can you state specifically what you are doing? b. Measurable - How can we measure this goal so we will know when you have reached it? c. Attainable - Is it within your capabilities and does it depend on you? d. Relevant - Do you care enough about this goal to make it a priority?

e. Time Specific - It has a deadline.