



You're Not An Only Child!

Passing through this world is
a *personal* journey—but not a *private* one.

We are the children of God *together!*
1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Converted For Community

When you and I responded to the gospel,
we joined a big family with lots of siblings to love!

1 Peter 1:22, NLT
You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth,
so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers
and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

Reborn For Relationships

When our heavenly Father gave us new birth, we entered an eternal family to love—now and forever!

1 Peter 1:22-23, NIV

Love each other deeply with all your heart. For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

God's Forever Family

Our loving relationships as God's children will last as long as God's Word!

1 Peter 1:23-25, NIV

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

Love In The Family Of God

It isn't pretend!
Both its *emotion* and its *motion* are real!

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*These loveless sins not only ruin community;
they ruin our appetite for spiritual nourishment.*

Got Milk?

**Instead of acting like “big babies” relationally,
we should be like “little babies” at feeding time!**

1 Peter 2:1-2, NIV
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Create A Craving!

**Drink in the Word of God—
even when you don't crave it!**

A "taste" whets your appetite for more!

1 Peter 2:2-3, NIV

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
