

**Date:** April 26, 2026 — 8:30 am and 10:30 am

**Sermon:** “*Formed for God’s Family*”

**A Study in God’s Word** Based on 1 Peter 1 and 4

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“God has a purpose for your life!” So says Henry Blackaby of *Experiencing God* fame. He goes on to declare, “God is actively at work in your life, speaking to you. And when God speaks, He’s announcing what He has purposed for you. And what He purposes, nobody can turn back” (*Decision*, July, 2003, pg. 29).

Pastor Rick Warren expands on that truth in his best-selling book *The Purpose Driven Life* (c.2002; new edition/title in 2012: *What on Earth Am I Here For?*). He summarizes God’s purpose for all of our lives as believers in five memorable statements:

1. We are to bring God pleasure in *worship*.
2. We are to love His family in *fellowship*.
3. We are to become like His Son in *discipleship*.
4. We are to serve Him in church: that’s our *ministry*.
5. We are to tell others (out in the world) about Him in evangelism: that’s our *mission*.

This morning’s message will zero in on that second purpose as we examine two passages in St. Peter’s first epistle that bear on it:

- I. The E\_\_\_\_\_ to Love: Peter’s Sweeping Command in 1 Peter 1:22-23

## Sermon Notes (Con't)

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### II. The E\_\_\_\_\_ of Love: Peter's Helpful Pointers in 1 Peter 4:7-10

Four guidelines on how to "love one another deeply from the heart":

A. \_\_\_\_\_ for one another – v. 7

B. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ about one another – v. 8

C. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to one another – v. 9

D. \_\_\_\_\_ one another – 10