

26 February 2012 - Preached by Dr Alan Cairns

Message Topic: **The progress of Grace in the Soul (7) - Love for Saints and Sinners (2 Peter 1:7)**

Scripture Text: 2 Peter 1: 1-11

1. Our Christian walk should be in love reflecting the love of God. Brotherly kindness is love towards brethren in the Lord and charity is love towards the unbelievers.
2. Christians should not be bitter, spiteful and selfish. The fruit of the Spirit in the believer's heart will produce love for others.
3. We are saved individually but once saved, we are in the family of God and members of one Body in Christ. Our bond to the brethren is spiritual and transcends race, nationality and personal relationships.
4. Our badge as disciples of Jesus Christ will be seen when we have love one for another. We worship and serve the Lord together and evangelise to the lost together as one community in Christ.
5. We are to love the unbelievers even though they may not respond in love to us. We show our love to unbelievers by living a separated life for the Lord. A genuine love for unbelievers is to show concern for their souls that they may come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.