

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the Truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:" *1 Peter 1:22No2 KJV*

To be one of "the brethren," you must be a born-again of the Spirit believer. "Born again" means your dead spirit and soul are made alive by virtue of faith and repentance bringing God to dwell with and in you. Repentance is willing, believing obedience to God's Word. Jesus Christ, God's Word, must be in you "the Hope of Glory." In other Words, God's word must dwell in your thoughts, directing your daily choices. You must be able to hear and obey the "still small Voice" of God the Holy Spirit when He speaks God's Word to your mind. Death is absence of life. A dead spirit is separated from God who is Life. If God's Word does not occupy preeminence in your mind, your spirit is dead, your soul is dead, and you are lost. The spirit of every man is born separated from God. When a person believes God and calls on God through faith, his Spirit becomes a live spirit and his soul a "living soul," because God the Holy Spirit comes to him and he is united with God who is Life. His dead spirit, separated from God from birth, becomes alive through the presence of God the Holy Spirit who comes to be with Him. The preached Word becomes the indwelling Word for every soul that humbly calls on God. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Your soul can only be purified through obedience. If you do not desire to obey, then you are not "born-again of the Spirit." Obedience to the Word of God can only be accomplished through "God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Jesus put it another way; "Without Me, ye can do nothing." The Word of God is much more than words printed on paper. It is "the engrafted word; the epistle of Christ...written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone (or paper), but in fleshly tables of the heart." When you "meditate (think) therein day and night," it becomes part of your being, your nature. You will "pray without ceasing, abstain from all appearance of evil, in everything give thanks, and rejoice evermore." It becomes who you are, not just what you do. Jesus is perfect and Holy, because it is His nature to be Holy. He doesn't choose to be Holy; there is no struggle of soul for Him to be Holy. I said all that to say this: you can't love the brethren unless you are a believer and you cannot love them with "unfeigned love" without obedience. Your obedience is the proof of "Christ in you the Hope of Glory." Are you faking "brotherly love?"



To show my brethren unfeigned love,  
I must be indwelt from above,  
The Word my heart must occupy,  
Obeying Truth to purify. ~CGP

Do you have to put on "another face" to get along with the Assembly? People know whether or not you care about them. The world will only be convinced of Truth when it becomes our nature to obey God.

*"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35 KJV*

