

A black and white photograph of a large, gnarled tree in a field with a dirt path leading towards it. The tree is on the left side of the frame, and the path leads from the bottom center towards the tree. The background is a flat, open field under a pale sky.

hope in exile

1 PETER

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is a flat, open field, and the overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

1 PETER



A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of land and sky, suggesting a quiet, early morning or late afternoon setting. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Love One Another

The impossibility of true love

The source of true love

The expectation of true love

1 PETER

1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (ESV)

**Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;**

1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (ESV)

²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

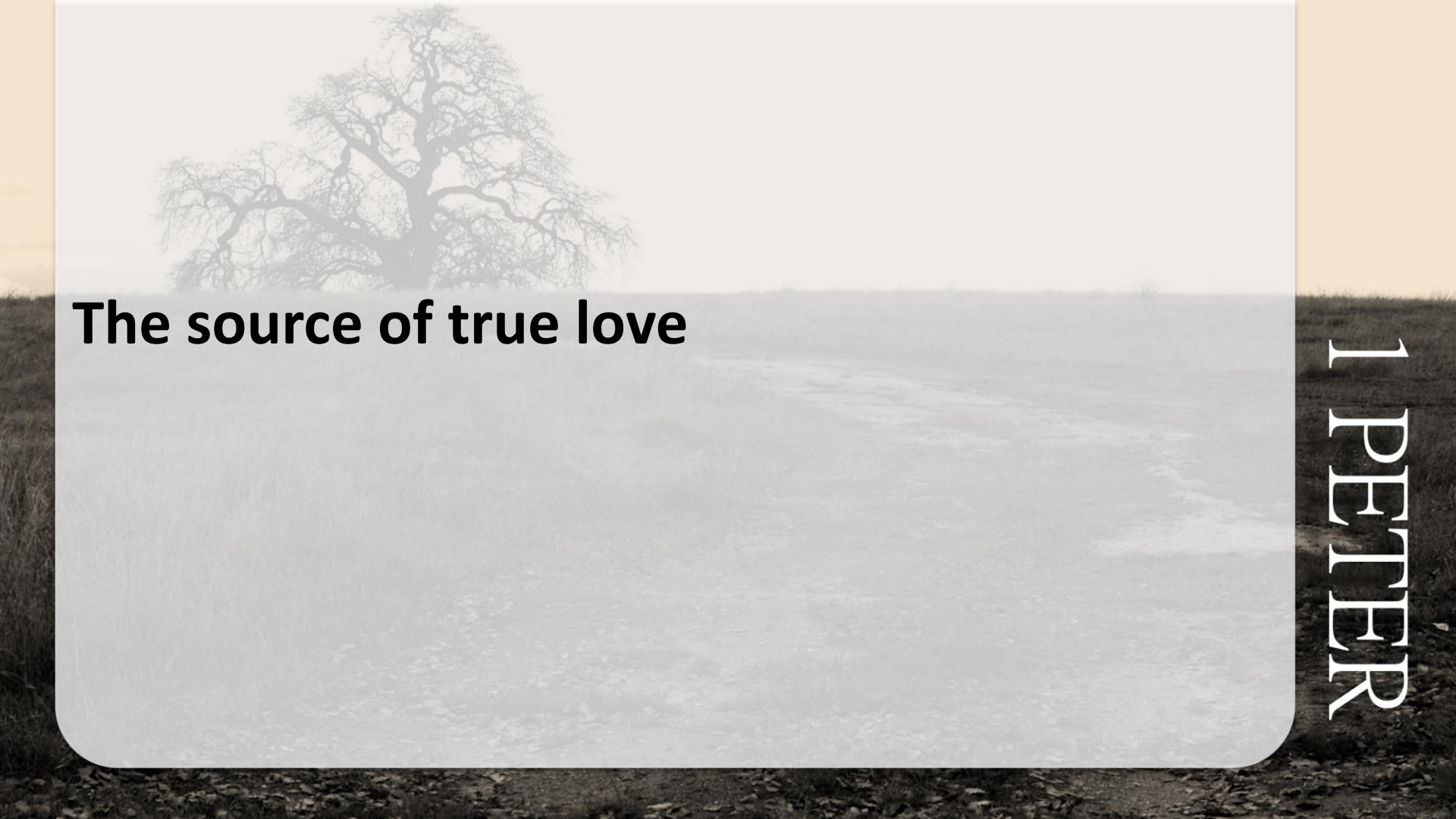
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And this word is the good news that was preached to you. 2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

A misty landscape with a large tree silhouette in the background and a path leading into the distance. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a path leading into the distance. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

The impossibility of true love

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is covered in low-lying vegetation, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet. The image is presented with a semi-transparent white overlay that contains text.

The source of true love

1 PETER

1 Peter 1:22-23 (ESV)

**Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;**

1 Peter 2:1-3 (ESV)

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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The expectation of true love

1 PETER

1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)


¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:19-21 (ESV)

We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 5:1-3 (ESV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.



1 John 5:1-3 (ESV)

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.