

BELONGING MATTERS

A PLACE TO BE LOVED

I PETER 1:22-23



**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO
BE A LOVING CHURCH?**

1. Loving Church Developed

I Peter 1:22-23 – A loving church will be ...

- Spirit submitted
- Obedient to the truth
- Pure in soul
- Sincere in love

Love just doesn't happen.

**It is a fruit of the Spirit
that is developed by the
Spirit of God through our
relationship with Christ.**

2. Loving Church Described

A loving church has a/an ...

- Sacrificial testimony - John 13:33-35
- Sincere affection – Romans 16:16
- Evidence of growth -
I Thessalonians 3:12

3. Loving Church Demonstrated

A loving church ...

- Practices the discipline of forgiveness. I Peter 4:8
- Allows love to rule all actions.
Romans 13:8-10

Applications

1. Keep our lives clean so that we are free to love as Christ loves.
2. Ask God to give us a love for people.
3. Get to know a church member that we don't already know.