



"Marks of the Believer's Birthright" (Part 1)

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1 Peter 3:8



8 Finally, in everything be of one mind, sympathetic, brotherly love, tenderhearted, humble. **9** Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but on the other hand, giving a blessing; for you have been called for this purpose: so that you might inherit a blessing. **10** For,

HE WHO WISHES TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. **11** AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK

PEACE AND PURSUE IT. **12** FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS AND HIS EARS [OPEN] TO THEIR PRAYER. BUT HIS FACE IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.

– 1 Peter 3:8-12, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction: Matthew 7:13 ff.

*Two Factors: The Call and C_____

Partakers of grace give evidence of grace.
Graced people are gracious people.

I. Marks of the Believer's Birthright (vv. 8-12)

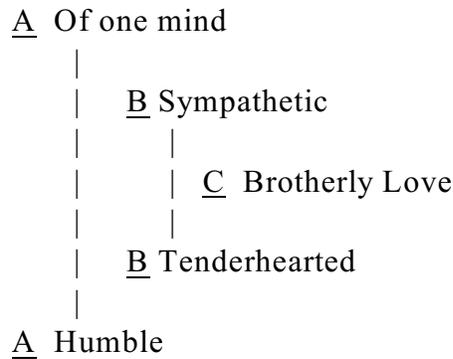
A. The Mark of Love: *How do I Act Toward Friends?* (8)

1. Verse 8 follows a literary structure known as "chiasm" or "chiasmus" (named after the Greek letter "chi" - X)

a. Example of a fictional chiasm (note how it follows the front edge of the X):

- A Today we will celebrate God's goodness
- B We will worship in song
- C We will hear God's Word
- B We will sing praises to His name
- A Today we will celebrate God's goodness

b. Chiasm in 1 Peter 3:8



-1. Note the phrase "brotherly love" (*philadelphos*) in the middle of the verse

-a. Note 1:22 (our salvation is fuel for the fire of brotherly love)

-(1) Four characteristics of this love from 1:22

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

-b. Love characterizes the genuine believer . . .

- (1) Love for _____
-(2) Love for His _____
-(3) Love for the _____
-(4) Love for the _____
-(5) Love for the _____

Look carefully into the Scriptures, which are the true utterances of the Holy Spirit. Observe that nothing of an unjust or counterfeit character is written in them. – 1 *Epistle of Clement, Chapter 45.*

A. The Mark of Love: How do I Act Toward Friends?

1. The first element of this love: _____

The word "homophronos" (ὁμόφρονος) means "to think the same," "To be like-minded." It's a word that has to do with the mind, not sentiment.

2. The second element of this love: _____

3. The third element of this love: _____

4. The fourth element of this love: _____

Conclusion: