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- Purified (made Holy)
- Obeying (responding to) the Truth (His Atonement on our behalf)
- *Sincere* brotherly love

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- Note sequence: restoring faith *then* sincere brotherly love *then* agape
- Agape is qualified:
  - deeply
  - from the heart

Brotherly Love:

- Commonly used of groups of mixed gender
- Highly regarded or valued
- Very significant deep friendship
- Affectionate
- Also the word for "kiss" and "friendship"
- Admonished in multiple passages
- Even used of Father & Son, and of God's view of us

Brotherly Love / Friendship (us):

- Rom. 12:10 Be devoted to one another in **brotherly love**. Honor one another above yourselves.
- Heb. 13:1 Keep on **loving** each other **as brothers**.
- 1Pet. 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, **love as brothers**, be compassionate and humble.
- 2Pet. 1:7 and to godliness, **brotherly kindness**; and to **brotherly kindness**, love.

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HERESY ALERT

Brotherly Love/Friendship (God):

- John 5:20 For the Father **loves** the Son and shows him all he does.
- John 16:27 No, the Father himself **loves** you because you have **loved** me and have believed that I came from God.
- John 21:17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you **love** me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I **love** you."
- Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and **love** of God our Savior appeared...

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- CAN do this because of what is (presumably) within
- SHOULD do this because of what is within *both of us*
- Basis for sincere friendship is CHRIST and *not* mere behavioral criteria *(which is rarely permanent)*

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Larger context of Isaiah chapter 40: Announcement of God News, the Coming of the Messiah

(which prophets of old looked into intently while serving you)

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John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning... 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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- Both the result of Christ's work
- Both are commands
- Both are emotional, affectionate, costly
- One is totally unconditional; one is completely mutual
- Each requires the other

Friendship

- A higher calling than we may realize
- An expression of worship; an ordinance?
- An eschatological image

Tell me about your friends.

