



## Not So Secret Sauce wk6: Mutual Affection & Love

**Introduction:** As we wrap up our series looking at Peter's recipe for the full Christian life, we will see that everything leads to love – which is the fulfillment of Jesus' highest commands.

### Discussion Questions

1. If you went to the joint service. What parts of it do find important or helpful? What parts make you in anyway uncomfortable?
2. Why does it bother parents so much when their children don't get along with each other? Put another way, why do we expect or want our children to love each other?
3. Read **2 Peter 1:3-8** As you look at the progression of the qualities, do you think that that final piece of love is one that is actually added, or does that progression take us to a place where that is the outcome? Or is it something else?
4. Read **Ephesians 2:14-19** How does that last verse indicate how we should see other Christians? How does the passage speak to the various ways that we find ourselves divided still today? What does it take to overcome those divisions?
5. How do our preferences sometimes skew how we look at other churches or Christians? What are good or necessary reasons for divisions between Churches?
6. What are some things that unity costs us? What does disunity cost?
7. As we conclude our time in this list, which of the qualities: goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love – is an area that you know that you need to work on the most? How can this group encourage you to grow?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *“make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 2 Peter 1:5-8*

**Moving Forward** – The Christian life isn't a secret, it is a continual pursuit of Jesus' way of life.