

The Great Love of Jesus
John 13:31-35
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If love is a win-win why is there so little of it?

Is our love conduit clogged?

Love Loved His Father and Made Him Known, v. 31-32

How did Jesus glorify the Father? (John 17:4)

How does Olympic glory compare to this?

What is glory? It is seeing God as He really is.

How much of God can we see on the cross?

Jesus Loves the Little Children, v. 33

Why does Jesus now call His disciples, little children?

How does this statement differ from what He earlier said to the Jews? (See John 13:36; 14:1-3.)

Jesus is assuring His little children of His ongoing affection and love.

We Must Love Like Jesus Loved, v. 34

This is also meant to comfort the disciples, His little children.

Our love for one another would have to fill the Jesus gap.

How is this love command a new command? Leviticus 19:18

What is the new measure of love?

This Great Mutual Love Identifies Us as Christians v. 35

Christians are identified, by our great, uncommon love for one another.

Examples from the early church.

What is one powerful source of evangelism, according to this verse?

Linger at the cross of Jesus until you can see the heart of our God.

Make plans to love someone; each day.

Meditation

There are tremendous fruits in the life of the saints as they experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. Because the apostle John writes “He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love,” we can say that “Who so loveth God knoweth God!” Because God loved us, we love Him; because we love Him, we know Him and have life everlasting! Loving and knowing God, we keep His commandments, for love is the keeping of the law. That which God loves and delights in is to be found in the Ten Commandments. Those that love God love His law, meditate upon it day and night, and use it daily as a guide for thankful, holy living.

Secondly, the fruit of the love of God for us is that we love one another also. “Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.” (v. 11) Because God loved us and placed us in family relationship to Himself, we owe the debt of love to all members of the same family. We must love the whole Church of God everywhere in general and the saints that we know in particular... It would be monstrous and unnatural if believers did not love one another, give themselves and their substance to one another, and share in the joys and sorrows of one another. “If a man say, I love God, and hated his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (v. 20) The point is not, Is the brother a nice person and does he show himself worthy of my love? The only point is, has God by His love made that individual a member of His covenant family? That’s all I need to know! Then I love him!

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