

Notes

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"
John 13:1-35; 15:12-17; 1Peter 1:22-254:7-11;
Galatians 5:13-15
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Love serves!

- I. The New Commandment: Love one another. (13:34-35)
 - A. Modeled Commandment
 - B. Priority Commandment
 1. A "new" commandment.
 2. It is now new, because the bar has been raised by Jesus!
 3. It is now new because it is focused on other believers.
 4. This love for one another defines them!

Jesus love for the Father was expressed in His love for the disciples, which cost Him everything. Our love for Jesus must be expressed in our love for one another and it may cost us dearly.

- II. Love's Source (Jn 15:9-11)
 - A. We are loved by Jesus!
 - B. Abide in it.
- III. Love's Expanse (Jn 15:12-17)
 - A. Depth (15:12-13)
 - B. Breadth (15:14-17)
- IV. Earnest Love (1 Peter 1:22-23; 4:7-8)
- V. Love Serves (Gal 5:13-15)

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"MY GOD"
John 20

Passage Overview:

The resurrection validates the efficacy of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. It affirms that life has conquered death. It proves that Jesus is, in fact, the only Savior. It verifies His own claims to be the Messiah, the Son of Man and Son of God, for Jesus Himself had said that He would lay down His life and then take it up again.

The resurrection also validates our faith. Without it, our faith is nothing more than misplaced hope in unfulfilled promises. But because Jesus did rise again, our faith is grounded in truth and in promises fulfilled. Every other claimant to the unique position of savior or of worship has succumbed to death. Their philosophies and teaching have died with them. But Jesus lives.

Jesus' resurrection calls us to bow in worship of Him as Lord and God. This was voiced so clearly by Thomas when he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus is, in fact, God. He is not like God, or lesser than God. He is God! But He must be our God. Faith must be personal, as it was for Thomas.

As you prepare for Easter, be sure to pause in wonder! Jesus died for you. He lives for you! And because He lives, you can live as well. He is God. Is He also your Lord?

Reading for Next Week: John 20