

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Luke 22 – 23

I: Passover

I Cor 13:4-8: what Love looks like

Love is most amazing when it is under stress.

It is deeply affecting to meditate upon the love of Christ under His deepest stress: His Passion: 12 examples:

- His last Passover (4 examples)
- His arrest (3 examples)
- His trial and crucifixion (5 examples)

Observe how He illustrates I Cor 13 under the most trying of circumstances.

See how He loves you and me

See how He reacts to your sins and failings

See a model for your living out I Cor 13 by His power

See in the **Passover** His tender patience and love for His disciples:

I. His earnest _____ for their fellowship: Lk 22:15
Cf. Rev 3:20; Jn 17:24

Do you ever imagine Jesus eagerly desiring *your* fellowship?

Do you believe He is fond of you?

II. His _____ response to their thoughtless selfishness:
Lk 22:24-30

A. Gentle: He does not lose His temper

B. Patient: He repeats the same lesson again (cf. 9:46-8/Mt 18:1-4;
Mt 20:20-28)

C. Encouraging! He expresses appreciation and gives a hope: v28-30

III. His _____ warning to Peter's overconfidence: Lk 22:31-34

He anticipates that Peter will need to know that He knew of his failing and continued to love him and prayed for his sure return ("*when you have turned back...*")

IV. His warning to pray in Gethsemane and _____ when they fail:
Lk 22:40, 46

So what

1. How patient He is with our sin – stubbornness – stupidity
 - Feel secure in His love for you (His patience to you no less)
 - Alter your view of Him (especially when we go thru Matt 5)
 - Worship Him for His perfect love. Perhaps you need to think less of your sins against Him and more of His love for you.
2. See here a model for your applying I Cor 13:4-8
 - Contrast how you react: confess; receive forgiveness
 - Learn what love looks like from Him
 - As you receive His love, ask Him to enable you to reflect it to others.
Today. Amazing: He is the divine Artist Who is fashioning you to look just like Him in That Day