

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Mark 9:33-50      **Series:** *Love One Another #1*

**Psalters:** 53:1-3 – 141:1 – 277:1, 3, 6-8 – 399:1-2 – 428:2

Intro: The breathtaking beauty of the Upper Room (John 13)

A. Jesus lived what He taught and commanded

1. vs. 1-3 shows His full consciousness to His origin and destination
2. vs. 4-11 shows He never lost sight of the need of disciples
3. vs. 12-17 shows we are to be like Him
4. vs. 34-35 defines the *heart of all Christianity*

B. Jesus' new commandment to ***love one another*** is extensively expounded

1. Love is the *essence of God* and should be *the essence of Christianity*
2. The practice of Christlike love is *the most attractive and powerful glory*

<b>SALTY CHRISTIANITY</b>
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I. What it is? II. How to be and remain it? III. How to practice it?
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**I. WHAT IS SALTY CHRISTIANITY?**

A. The uses of salt in our daily life is a powerful and clear model for Christianity

1. If Christianity is going to make an impact in this foul and sick world, it needs to be *distinctly salty* (Matt. 5:13; Col. 4:6)

B. Mark 9:33-49 provides various aspects of *salty Christianity*

1. vs. 33-35: *the great Christian*
2. vs. 36-41: *the welcoming Christian*
3. vs. 42-48: *the self-denying Christian*

## **II. HOW TO BE AND REMAIN SALTY CHRISTIANS?**

A. Jesus' command "*Have salt in yourselves*" allows two applications

1. To be saltshaker without salt is pointless and powerless (Rev. 3:1)
  
2. To lose your salt as true Christians is wasted life & opportunity (Rev. 2:4-7)

## **III. HOW TO PRACTICE IT?**

A. The practice of love in *having peace one with another* (Mark 9:50)

1. We need to *seek & cherish* peace as much as possible (Rom. 12:18)
  
2. What will then *promote the peace among us*?
  - a. be like Jesus – imitate the Master (John 13:14-17; Phil 2:1-9)
  
  - b. speak like the Master (Col. 4:6; Mark 16:7)
  
  - c. accept each other without judging what others do *in the obedience of faith* in area of liberty (Rom. 14-15)
  
  - d. specifically pray for God's grace to likeminded (Rom. 15:5-7)

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## **TRUTHS AND QUESTIONS TO PONDER AND PRAY ABOUT ...**

1. Why was Baxter generally correct in saying, "*He that is not a son of peace is not a son of God?*"
2. Are there occasions when peace could be sin? (Matt. 10:13, 34)
3. Pink asserted that "*few things more adorn and beautify a Christian profession than exercising and manifesting the spirit of peace.*" Let's all examine what we can do to have more of this adorning and beautiful profession among ourselves.
4. Trace the Name of God as the God or Lord of peace in NT. What applications can you draw from that?