

***“The Glory Of Love”***  
***John 13:31-35***

**Introduction:**

1. Let’s Turn Back In Our Bibles:
  - To John 13 - Where:
    - We Find Jesus Meeting With His Disciples:
      - For The Last Time - And:
      - For The Last Supper:
        - Before His Death On The Cross!
    - And So - *At* This Supper:
      - Jesus Still Had Many Things:
        - To Teach & To Train:
        - His Disciples About!
2. One Of Those Things:
  - He Had To *Train* Them In:
    - Was *What* They Were To Do:
      - As His Disciples!
    - And - What They Were To Do:
      - Was – And Still Is – *Service!*
  - And So - Jesus:
    - Served Them:
      - In A Way That:
        - Was A Picture:
          - Of All Of His Service:
            - In Life & In Death!
  - In Humility & Honor:
    - He Washed Their Feet!
      - So That - As Jesus Said In:
        - 13:14-15 - “If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. / For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you!”
3. But - There Is More To Service:
  - Than Just *What* You Do!
    - It Goes Deeper - Even To:
      - *Why* You Do It!
  - And - This Is What We Come To Next:
    - In John 13:31-35:
      - The *Why* Behind The *What*:
        - That The Disciples Of Christ;
          - Are To Do!
      - And So - Jesus Had To *Teach*:
        - Them – And Us – *Why*:
          - We Are To Serve Each Other!
      - And - *Why* Are We To *Serve* Each Other?
        - Because We:
          - *Love* Each Other!
4. Let’s Read These Verses Together!
  - John 13:31-35 - “Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. / If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. / Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. / A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. / By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another!”
    - Now - At The Beginning Of 13:31:
      - We Find The Setting Of Jesus’ Teaching!
        - It Was When - “He Was Gone Out!”
    - Of Course - The “He” Was:

- Judas Iscariot - The One Who:
  - Was Just About To:
    - Fulfill The Treachery & Betrayal Of Jesus:
      - That He Already Had Committed In His Heart!

5. And - We Now Know That:
- He Went Out From Them:
    - Because He Was Not Of Them! (1 John 2:19)
  - But Now That:
    - The Wolf Was Gone:
      - All That Were Left With Jesus:
        - Around The Table:
          - Were His Sheep!

- And So - The Words:
  - That Jesus Says:
    - From Here On Out:
      - Are For His Own!
    - For Those Who Truly:
      - Belong To Him - Because:
        - They Believe In Him!

6. So - In 13:34-35:  
- We Find The:

**1. Great Expectation:**

- That Jesus Has For His Disciples!
  - His Great Expectation Is:
    - “That We Love One Another!”
      - Because - It Is Love:
        - That Brings Him Glory!
  - Let’s Read Those Verses Again:
    - 13:34-35 - “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. / By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another!”
  - Once Again - This Is:
    - The *Why* Behind The *What*:
      - Of Our Duty As Christians!
    - *What* We Are To Do:
      - Is To *Serve* Each Other!
    - But - *Why* We Are To Serve Each Other:
      - Is Because We *Love* Each Other!
    - And - *Why* We Are To *Love* Each Other:
      - Is Because Of:
  - The Service To The Lord!
    - Here Jesus Gives Us:
      - What He Calls:
        - “A New Commandment!”
    - Of Course - A “Commandment”:
      - Is An Expectation:
        - That A Superior Has:
          - Of Those Who Are Inferior - And Of Those Who Are:
            - His Servants!
    - And So Is Jesus’ Commandment Here!
      - Back In 13:13 - Jesus Said:
        - “Ye call me Master / Teacher and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am!”
      - And - If You Or Anyone Else:
        - Considers Jesus To Be:
          - Their Savior & Lord!
      - Then - As Your Lord:
        - You Are Expected:

- To Obey Him & All His Commandments & Expectations!
- But - This “New” Commandment:
  - That Jesus Gives Us:
    - Sounds A Lot Like:
      - The “Old” Commandments:
        - That We Find In The Old Testament!
- In Fact - Jesus Himself Reminds Us:
  - That Both Tables Of The Old Mosaic Law:
    - The Ten Commandments:
      - Could Be Summed Up With:
        - Love!
    - Love For God - And:
      - Love For Your Neighbor!
- When Jesus Was Specifically Asked:
  - “Which Is The Great Commandment In The Law?”
    - Jesus Answered - “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. / This is the first and great commandment. / And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. / On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets!” (Matthew 22:37-40)
  - In This Answer:
    - Jesus Even Quoted From The Old Testament Itself!
      - From Both Deuteronomy 6:5 & Leviticus 19:18!
- So - Love Was & Still Is:
  - The Heart Of God’s Law!
    - Even To The Point That The Apostle Paul Would Later Say:
      - “Love Is The Fulfilling Of The Law!” (Romans 13:10)
- And - Jesus Expects & Commands Us:
  - To Direct That Love:
    - Toward Each Other!
  - “Love One Another!”
    - Yes - We Are Still:
      - To Love Our Neighbors:
        - As Ourselves!
  - But - There Is To Be:
    - A Commitment To Love:
      - All True Servants Of Christ:
        - In A Unique & Special Way!
  - I’m Sure That This Commandment:
    - Would Have Hit Home To The Disciples:
      - Even More Than His Call:
        - To Serve Each Other!
    - Remember - Even During That Last Supper - There Was:
      - Debate & Dissension & Disagreement As To:
        - Who Would Be The Greatest Among The Disciples!
  - Its One Thing:
    - To Serve Someone - But:
      - Its Another Thing:
        - To Actually Love Them!
    - It Is Very Possible:
      - To Serve Without Love!
        - Which Is Why Paul Tells Us:
          - In Galatians 5:13 - “By Love Serve One Another!”
  - And So - The *Why*:
    - Of Your Service Is Even More Important:
      - Than The *What*!
  - So - As A Disciple Of Christ:
    - Are You Following The Call & Command:
      - Of The Lord?

- To Both Serve & Love:
  - Each Other?
- And Even:
  - Serving From & Through Love?
- This Is Christ's Expectation:
  - Of All Of His Followers!
    - Even When There Might Be Debate Or Dissension Of Disagreement Still Among Us!
- So - What Makes The Commandment Of Jesus:
  - In These Verses - Something "New?"
    - It Isn't The *Matter*:
      - Of Love - That Is New!
    - It Is The *Manner*:
      - Of That Love:
        - That Is New!
- And So - Not Only Are We To Love:
  - In Service To The Lord:
    - As Our Lord!
  - We Are Also To Love:
    - According To:
- The Standard Of The Lord!
  - This Is What Make's Jesus' Commandment "New!"
    - Jesus Tells Us Next In 13:34:
      - "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another!"
  - Now - This Is Not Only What Makes:
    - Jesus' Commandment "New!"
      - This Is Also What Makes:
        - Jesus' Expectation So "Great!"
    - Because - We Are To Learn:
      - To Love As He Loves!
        - Even As He Loves:
          - His Own - And You!
  - "As Jesus Loved Us!"
    - Points Back to All The Ways:
      - He Displayed His Love:
        - In His Life & Ministry!
      - He Displayed His Love:
        - Through His Time With Them!
          - Sought To Be With Them!
        - Through His Treatment Of Them!
          - With Grace & Patience!
          - But Also With Correction!
        - Through His Teaching & Training!
  - The Love That Jesus:
    - Had For Them & Has For You:
      - Is A Great & Gracious & Giving & Graphic Kind Of Love!
    - And Now - He Commands You:
      - To Love His Own - Just As:
        - He Does!
    - Because - This Kind Of Love:
      - Is What Glorifies Him!
        - This Kind Of Love:
          - Reflects Him!
  - But Then - Jesus Adds:
- The Significance For The Lord:
  - Of This Kind Of Love:
    - That Exists Within His People!
      - 13:35 - "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to

- another!”
- When God’s People:
  - Keep This Commandment:
    - It Will Provide A Greater Testimony:
      - To The World!
  - Not Only About:
    - Our Claim On Him:
  - But About:
    - His Claim On Us!
    - “”By This Shall All Men Know That Ye Are *My* Disciples!”
- **IE:** Witnessing To A Coworker Once - Not Interested In Christianity - Not So Much Because Of The Division Between Churches - But Because Of The Divisiveness Between Them!
  - But - To Love One Another:
    - Is The Great Expectation:
      - Of Christ For His Church!
      - For All Of His Church!
- But - Of Course:
  - Jesus Never Leaves Us To Ourselves:
    - When It Comes To Such:
      - Commands & Expectations!
  - In Fact - We Can Only:
    - “Love One Another” - Because:
      - He Loves Us!
    - And That Is Why:
      - Just Before His Command:
        - He Provides Yet Another:

2. **Great Example:**

- Of What It Means To Love!
  - And - This Is What We Find In:
    - 13:33 - “Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you!”
      - Now - The Reason We Are Going Backward Through This Passage:
        - Is Because Each Part Builds Off What Comes Before It!
  - And So - The Great Expectation:
    - Jesus Has For You & Me:
      - To Love One Another:
        - Is Built On The Foundation:
          - Of His Great Example:
            - True Love!
  - And - We Can See:
    - The Example Of His Love:
      - In What He Says:
        - To His Disciples!
- When Jesus Calls His Disciples:
  - “Little Children!”
    - We Learn That Christ’s Love:
      - Is Always Tender:
        - Toward His Own!
  - When Jews Observe The Passover:
    - There Is Always One:
      - Who Serves As The Overseer:
        - Of The Meal!
    - And - That Person Is Usually:
      - The Father!
        - And So - Jesus Is Taking Upon Himself That Role:
          - At This Last Supper!
  - And So - As The Head Of:

- This New Spiritual Family:
  - He Calls Them:
    - As Their Fathers' Would Have Called Them:
      - When They Were Young!"
- "Little Children!"
  - This Was A Term Of:
    - Endearment & Affection:
      - That Expressed The Tender, Loving Relationship Between Them!
  - And - That Relationship:
    - Was One Of His Presence:
      - As Well As Provision & Protection!
    - Isn't This The Kind Of Love:
      - A Father Should Have:
        - For His Children?
- As Jesus Loved Them - And:
  - As Jesus Loves You:
    - As His "Dear Children!"
  - This Is An Example:
    - Of The Kind Of Love:
      - That We Are To Have:
        - For Each Other!
    - Sometimes - We Are Told That:
      - Biblical Love Is A Choice Of The Will!
        - And Though True - It Will Also Involve Your Emotions & Feelings!
    - So That - You Will Be Tender:
      - Toward Your Brothers & Sisters In Christ:
        - As Part Of The Great Family:
          - Of God!
  - Christ's Love Is Always Tender!
    - And This Is The Kind Of Christ-Like Love:
      - That We Are To Have:
        - For Each Other!
- But Also - When Jesus Tells His Disciples:
  - "Yet A Little While I Am With You!"
    - We Learn That Christ's Live:
      - Is Always Truthful!
  - The Fact That:
    - His Departure From Them:
      - Was Fast Approaching:
        - Both At His Death & Then His Return Back To Heaven!
    - Jesus Knew Would Be:
      - A Difficult & Painful Thing:
        - For His Disciples To Hear!
  - But - They Needed To Hear It - And:
    - They Needed To Be Prepared For It!
      - And So - He Told Them:
        - The Truth About It!
  - In Short Order:
    - They "Would Seek" Him - And:
      - Not Find Him:
        - Where They Looked! (Tomb)
    - And - This Was Something Consistent:
      - With What He Told The Unbelieving Jews Back In Chapters 7 & 8!
        - Even - "Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you!"
- The Truth Was:
  - If Jesus Did Not Leave Them:
    - They Would Never Be Able To:
      - One Day - Go To Him!

- In Order For Them:
  - To Experience Real & Eternal Life:
    - He Would Have To Die!
- This Too Is An Example:
  - Of The Kind Of Love:
    - That We Are To Have:
      - For Each Other!
  - A Love That:
    - Is Always Truthful!
      - Truthful - Even When:
        - That Truth May Hurt Or Sting:
          - For Awhile!
  - Even Paul Tells Us In:
    - 1 Corinthians 13:6 - That:
      - True, Christian & Christ-Like Love:
        - “Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth!”
  - And So - Our Love:
    - For Each Other:
      - Must Reflect Christ’s Love:
        - For His Own!
    - With Tenderness & Truthfulness:
      - We Must Follow:
        - The Great Example:
          - Of Jesus’ Love!
  - But - Even Jesus’ Example:
    - Is Based On What We Find In:
      - 13:31-32 - Which Is The:

### 3. **Great Essence:**

- Of Love!
  - Because - We Can Only Love One Another:
    - Because Of The Great Essence Of Love:
      - That Exists Between:
        - Jesus & His Father!
          - The Love Of God!
  - 13:31-32 - “Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. / If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him!”
    - So - As Soon As:
      - Judas Was Dismissed By Jesus:
        - Jesus Said Something That:
          - Can Be Quite Difficult For Us To Understand!
  - Jesus Said First:
    - “Now Is The Son Of Man Glorified!”
      - Now - When We Think Of God & His Glory:
        - We Think Of Something That Is:
          - Clear & Bright - Like The Sun:
            - Shining In All Of Its Fulness!
      - We Hardly Think Of Glory:
        - Against The Dark Backdrop Of:
          - Sin & Betrayal:
            - That Was Taking Place That Same Night!
    - But - As Soon As Judas Left:
      - To Set The Wheels Of That Night’s Events:
        - In Motion - *Then*:
          - Jesus Said - “Now Is The Son Of Man Glorified!”
      - In The Context Of This Verse:
        - Jesus Means That It Was:

- God The Father That:
  - At That Point:
    - Glorified His Son!
- To “Glorify” Means That:
  - God The Father:
    - Honored Jesus:
      - As His Own Beloved Son!
  - And - He Did So:
    - Not In Spite Of - But Even:
      - Through The Departure & Betrayal Of Judas Iscariot!
- This Means That:
  - Everything That Would Take Place That Night:
    - Was Exactly What:
      - Jesus *Wanted* To Happen!
  - And So - His Father:
    - Glorified & Honored Jesus:
      - By Bringing To Pass:
        - Jesus’ Own Desire To Fulfill The Mission For Which He Came!
- **IE:** In A Way - It Was Like A Graduation - Jesus Saw All Of The Events That Led Up To The Cross - As His Father’s Graduation Celebration & Ceremony - For Accomplishing His Will & Plan! And So - God The Father Glorified His Son:
  - By Recognizing Him / Rewarding Him / Rejoicing With Him - In The Fulfilment:
    - Of His Purpose!
- And - At The Very Foundation:
  - Of Jesus Being Glorified:
    - By His Father:
      - Is Love!
  - But - Even More:
- Not Only Did:
  - God The Father Glorify & Honor His Son, Jesus:
    - Jesus - As His Son:
      - Glorified His Father!
  - Since Jesus Also Said:
    - 13:31 - “And God Is Glorified In Him!”
      - That Is - Jesus Honored & Glorified His Father:
        - In All That He Did & Was About To Do!
  - How Does A Child:
    - Honor His / Her Parents?
      - Through Obedience:
        - That Is Rooted In Love!
    - Even So - Jesus:
      - Honored His Father:
        - Through Obedience:
          - And Love!
    - Later - In 17:4 - Jesus Will Pray:
      - To His Father:
        - “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do!”
- There Was A Mutual Honor & Glorification:
  - Between God The Father & His Son:
    - Because They Were In This Work:
      - Together - And Because:
        - They Loved Each Other:
          - Infinitely & Eternally!
  - And - This Love Would Extend:
    - Even Further - As Jesus Said:
      - In 13:32 - “ If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him!”



- Though Eventually:
  - God The Father Would Glorify & Exalt Jesus:
    - In Heaven - The Events Of That Night:
      - Were *All* Part Of:
        - His Glory!
- Even His Betrayal!
  - His Arrest!
    - His Torture!
      - All Leading To His Cross!
        - All Was How The Father Honored & Glorified His Son & How The Son Honored & Glorified His Father!

**Conclusion:**

1. And This Is The Essence Of Love!
  - Of The Love Between:
    - God The Father & His Son!
  - Of The Love Between:
    - Jesus & His Disciples! And:
  - Of The Love Between:
    - The Members Of His Family!
2. True Love:
  - Glorifies & Honors God!
    - And - Christ-Like Love Seeks To:
      - Glorify & Honor:
        - God & His People!
    - And - That Glory:
      - Often Comes At A Cost & A Price!
        - But - That Price:
          - Is Even Part Of:
            - The Glory Of Love!
  - 3. So - As We Close:
    - And Remember Jesus "New Commandment" - To:
      - Love One Another:
        - Even As He Loved Us!
      - Remember As Well:
        - As John Will Later Write:
          - In 1 John 4:7 - "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God!"
    - And - True Love:
      - Will Always:
        - Glorify God!

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