

THEME: Love One Another As Christ Loves You.

May 19, 2019 – John 13:30-35

“As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. When he was gone, Jesus said, Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will glorify the Son in Himself, and will glorify Him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (New – Not in time, but in quality.) By this all men will know that you are My disciples, (A Test of discipleship) if you love one another.”

Have you ever said: I love pizza! I love my new car! Who or what do you love the most? If you are thinking that since we are here to worship God, the correct answer must be GOD, Then you have come up with the correct answer. God says in **Exodus 34: 14** – ***“Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, Whose Name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”***

God wants our heart. God wants our Love. Not only does God want us to Love Him, God wants us to Love One another.

Vs. 34 – A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
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There are various Greek terms for the word LOVE.

- Ερωσ - Passionate love erotic love.
- φιλια, φιλεω - friendship love. Found in Matthew 10:37
- στοργη - used when referring to love between parents and children.
- αγαπη - Unconditional Love that God has for his children.

Luke 10:27 – Love - Αγαπησεις - the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and Love your neighbor as yourself.”

As this text begins, it began with anything but LOVE. Judas Iscariot had betrayed the Lord to the Chief Priests, Scribes, Teachers of the Law, the Sanhedrin for 30 pieces of silver.

Vs. 30 – As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

We see that Judas, goes out in the cover of darkness, as he goes to carry out his dark deed. As we picture Judas going out into the dark of night, Jesus makes a comment that seems totally opposite of what we might expect.

Jesus says: ***Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him.***

That Greek term for Glorified = Praise – Honor – exalted – glorified.

Jesus will be praised and glorified, and not only is HE glorified, exalted and honored, so is God The Father!

How can a betrayal be glorifying and exalting and praise worthy?

It is because this event of Judas begins a chain of events that leads to the culmination of the Salvation of our Souls and our bodies.

In times earlier in the ministry of Jesus, the Jews tried to kill Jesus by throwing Him off a cliff and stoning HIM. But Christ's time had not yet come. But now is the time For Jesus to bring to fulfillment that ONE set purpose for which HE came into the World.

John 12:23-24; 27-28 – The Hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Now My heart is troubled and what shall I say? Father save Me from this hour? NO! It was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father glorify Your Name!

When Jesus went to the cross of Calvary for the sin of the World, He was fulfilling His purpose in coming into the World. It is by the cross and His glorious resurrection from the dead that Jesus is Glorified / Exalted. Jesus is Victorious. Sin, death and the devil are defeated. Your sin is paid for.

Jesus became our substitute. He Made the payment for all sin for all mankind for all time.

Jesus then ascended into heaven, where He sits at the Right Hand of the Father ruling all things with His almighty and powerful word until He comes again.

While we wait for Christ's second coming what do we have to do?

Vs. 33 – My children,

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Love is not some fuzzy feeling in our stomach, but Love is LIVING and ACTIVE.

LOVE helps those in need. Love prays for those in need. Love gives words of comfort to one another. And as we Love others regardless of age – gender or nationality, it may lead to an opportunity to proclaim the Word of the Lord to them. By loving others it may open the door to carry out that Great Commission which Jesus gave us just before He ascended into heaven.

“Go Ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” (Matt. 28:19-20)

Thank the Lord that Jesus Loved us unconditionally and went to the cross of Calvary for all our sins, including the times that we did not love perfectly and unconditionally. In Jesus your Sins are Forgiven. Heaven is Your Home!
AMEN