

LEARNING TO LOVE!

John 13:34-35

INTRODUCTION: Now God's people had been told before to love one another, but they had never been told to love this way. They are now to love one another as Jesus has loved them. How did Jesus say others will know if you are truly His disciple? It will be by your love one to another. Jesus warned that most people's love will grow cold because of the increase of evil: Matthew 24:12; John 13:34-35. Our Lord Jesus gave an amazing example of the kind of love He wishes His disciples to show: John 13:1-17. Do you desire a happy life? Jesus said if you know this and do it that is the way to joy.

I. JESUS LOVE IS SELFLESS!

John 13:4-5: This was the job of a slave and it was not meant just to cleanse the feet but also to relax, renew, restore, and get that foot massaged. Can you imagine the Lord of Glory now in a slave's dress washing the feet of His disciples? Jesus here humbles Himself: John 13:3-4; Philippians 2:6-8. Jesus laid aside his position but He didn't lay aside His deity. He came to serve us, not to be served. What we are talking about here is selfless love. John 13:3-5: you cannot have real humility until you know who you are in Christ. Romans 12:3: We also know we are born of God and going to God and that frees us to love as our Lord Jesus loved.

II. JESUS LOVE IS STEADFAST!

Look once again at John 13:1: Jesus knowing all that is about to happen to Him still is loving His disciples. Real love is steadfast! Even though Satan had entered into the heart of Judas, Jesus still washed his feet. Didn't Jesus teach us to love our enemies. Thank God He practiced what He preached! While the other disciples were arguing about who was going to be the greatest among them, Jesus was washing their feet. Do we show that kind of love? Jesus will never stop loving us: Romans 8:38-39. Jesus love, love worth sharing is steadfast love.

III. JESUS LOVE IS SERVING!

Our Lord Jesus love is always a serving love! John 13:4-5. Our Lord didn't just talk about love; he literally showed His love to others. Jesus gave His disciples not what they deserved but what they needed! If you show Jesus love you will not give others what they want, or what they deserve, but He gave them what they needed. Jesus love is serving love. Not just in word but indeed and in truth.

IV. JESUS LOVE IS SANCTIFYING !

Our Lord Jesus love is sanctifying. John 13:6-7: You don't know what I am doing now but you will understand it later. John 13:8-10: Jesus is now not talking about dirty feet but about spiritual dirt in the heart. John 13:12-16: We who are born again still live in a sinful world and we get our spiritual feet dirty in this world. We need to come to Jesus to get our feet washed. If we don't come to Jesus daily and confess our sins and let Jesus wash away our sins we cannot walk in fellowship with Him. Now what is Jesus saying to us. If He washed our feet we are to wash one another's feet. Ephesians 4:30-32; Galatians 6:1-2. That is the spirit of humility that shows true humility and shows Jesus' love to others. You can wash the feet of Jesus today and every day for the rest of your life: Matthew 25:34-40. Are you willing to forgive others their trespasses against you and serve their needs? That is love worth finding. That is love worth sharing. That is love worth sending to others!